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Demonstrators march towards Wall Street from Battery Park to protest for action on climate change and corporate greed, Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, in New York City. (AP Photo/John Minchillo)

Protesters Stage Wall Street Climate Crisis Sit-In

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Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — A day after 100,000 people marched to warn that climate change is destroying the Earth, more than a thousand activists gathered Monday in lower Manhattan's financial district, chanting, carrying signs and — in some places — sitting down in the street to

protest what they said was corporate and economic institutions' role in the climate crisis. There were reports of some isolated arrests of protesters, who police said did not obtain a permit for the rally. But by and large, the police, office workers and tourists watched alike as the activists chanted: "We can't take this climate

heat; we've got to shut down Wall Street," and bounced two large, inflatable balloons meant to represent carbon dioxide bubbles. Police later punctured the balloons. Ben Shapiro, an urban farmer and bread-maker from Youngstown, Ohio, said he didn't participate in Sunday's march but came specifically on Monday

because he's concerned about fracking, a technique that cracks open rock layers to free natural gas, and feels the financial system enables pollution. "I wanted to come specifically to disrupt Wall Street because it's Wall Street that's fueling this," Shapiro said while sitting next to the famed bull statue on Broadway. "I'm going after

the source of the problem. ... That means actively having to confront the system." The organizers of #Flood-WallStreet said the sit-in aimed to disrupt business in the financial district by targeting "corporate polluters and those profiting from the fossil fuel industry."

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Draghi:

Eurozone recovery losing momentum

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— European Central Bank head Mario Draghi defended the bank's new stimulus programs as he warned that the weak economic recovery in the eurozone "is losing momentum."

Draghi told members of the European parliament Monday there was no sign yet of a halt to the sharp decline in economic indicators seen in August. The 18 countries that use the euro saw no economic growth at all in the second quarter — an alarming signal after only four quarters of weak growth.

"The economic recovery in the euro area is losing momentum," Draghi said during a regular testimony before the parliament's committee on economic and monetary affairs. He said risks for the economy were "to the downside."

The eurozone is slowly healing from troubles over high debt that began in 2009 and led to Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Cyprus and Spain needing bail-out loans from other eurozone governments and the International Monetary



President of the European Central Bank Mario Draghi smiles before he takes his seat to address the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, at the European Parliament building, in Brussels on Monday, Sept. 22, 2014.

Fund. Government spending cutbacks have held back growth and boosted unemployment, which is falling only slowly.

Draghi said the recovery was being threatened by geopolitical disturbances — which would include the conflict between Ukraine and Russia, although he did not mention the coun-

tries by name — and by failure of euro member governments to reform their economies and make them more efficient.

He defended the bank's most recent stimulus program, an offer of cheap, long-term loans to banks tied to their lending to companies. Banks took only 82.6 billion euros at the

first offering Sept. 18, less than many market analysts had expected.

Draghi said the offering was "within the range of take-up values we had expected." He cautioned that the September loan offering, taken up by 255 banks, needed to be assessed together with the next one scheduled for December. □

(AP Photo/Yves Logghe)

IN BRIEF

Jamaica to plant breadfruit trees on schoolyards

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Roughly 5,000 breadfruit trees are expected to be planted on school properties across Jamaica to help fight hunger and boost feeding programs for students. The government's information service said Sunday that the breadfruit trees will be distributed to Jamaican schools over the next six months.

Officials recently launched the program at schools in the northern parish of St. Ann, which includes the tourist town of Ocho Rios. Education Minister Ronald Thwaites says the breadfruit program coincides with a revamped school feeding initiative to provide some 200,000 youngsters with breakfast and lunch. Breadfruit is a popular staple in Jamaica and other tropical countries. The high-yielding trees grow easily and require little attention. Its starchy fruit has a doughy texture that is rich in nutrients. □

Computer error leads to Mexico child porn arrest

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Prosecutors in western Mexico said Monday they have arrested a man who was promoting children's camping trips in front of a group of parents, but accidentally called up images of child pornography on his computer.

Federal prosecutors in Jalisco state said the man was using his computer to pitch his company's guided children's camping trips to a group of parents at a private school in the upscale suburb of Zapopan, on the outskirts of Guadalajara. But instead of the presentation, videos of naked children popped up, apparently because the man opened the wrong file. Teachers and parents immediately stopped the Sept. 8 presentation and reported him to police, who arrested the man outside the school. □

Sierra Leone, Liberia brace for new Ebola cases

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FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP)

— Two of the West African nations hardest hit by Ebola were bracing for new caseloads on Monday after trying to outflank the outbreak with a nationwide checkup and a large new clinic.

Sierra Leone was expected to announce a sharp increase in Ebola patients Tuesday following a nationwide effort to identify new cases, while Liberia opened its largest treatment center yet.

Both countries have poor health systems, weakened by the loss to Ebola of many of doctors and nurses. The World Health Organization estimated last week that

they have only about 20 percent of the beds they need to treat Ebola patients.

Still, identifying the sick is fundamental to containing the disease, and Sierra Leone went to an extreme unseen since the plague ravaged Europe during the Middle Ages, ordering an entire nation's people to remain at home while teams went door to door handing out soap and information.

More than 1 million households were checked for Ebola and told how to prevent its spread, authorities said.

Officials had previously predicted that they would find hundreds of new cases during the three-day shutdown, and govern-

ment spokesman Abdulai Bayaraytay said Sierra Leone was preparing tents for use as temporary treatment centers before announcing their findings on Tuesday.

In Liberia, meanwhile, ambulances rushed to fill the nation's largest new treatment center, a 150-bed hospital on the outskirts of Monrovia that opened on Sunday, run by the Health Ministry, WHO and a team of Ugandan doctors.

By Monday, the new clinic had admitted 112 people, though only 46 of those have tested positive for Ebola, said Assistant Health Minister Tolbert Nyenswah. The rest were being held for observation and treated for other diseases, like ma-

laria.

Ebola, transmitted through bodily fluids, is now blamed for the deaths of more than 2,800 people in West Africa, according to new figures released Monday by the WHO.

More than 5,800 are believed to have been sickened. Most of the infections have been in Liberia, but the disease, which was first identified in Guinea, has also spread to Nigeria and Senegal.

At least 77 bodies were buried during Sierra Leone's shutdown and half tested positive for Ebola, Bayaraytay said. Officials were waiting on laboratory tests for the other half. The disease is thought to have killed more than 600 people in the nation of 6 million. □



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Prosecutor: White House intruder's vehicle heavily armed

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators found more than 800 rounds of ammunition, a machete and two hatchets in the car of the former soldier accused of scaling the White House fence and sprinting inside while carrying a knife, a U.S. prosecutor said Monday. President Barack Obama was "obviously concerned" about the weekend incident, a spokesman said.

The Secret Service, which protects the president and his family, increased security around the famous grounds on Pennsylvania Avenue in the nation's capital, some guards openly holding weapons, others escorting dogs. There was talk of expanding the security zone beyond the current area as a major investigation began into the question of how the man managed to get to the building without being stopped.

Forty-two-year-old Omar J. Gonzalez faces charges of entering a restricted building or grounds while carrying a deadly or dangerous weapon. He had been arrested earlier in the summer in the nearby state of Virginia with a carful of weapons, authorities said, and a federal prosecutor said Monday in court that Gonzalez had had a map then with the White House circled.

Authorities ran into Gonzalez again, less than a month ago on Aug. 25, when he was stopped while walking along the south fence of the White House, his car parked nearby. He had a hatchet in a rear waistband but no firearms, a federal prosecutor said at Monday's hearing. Gonzalez gave permission to search his car and was not arrested.

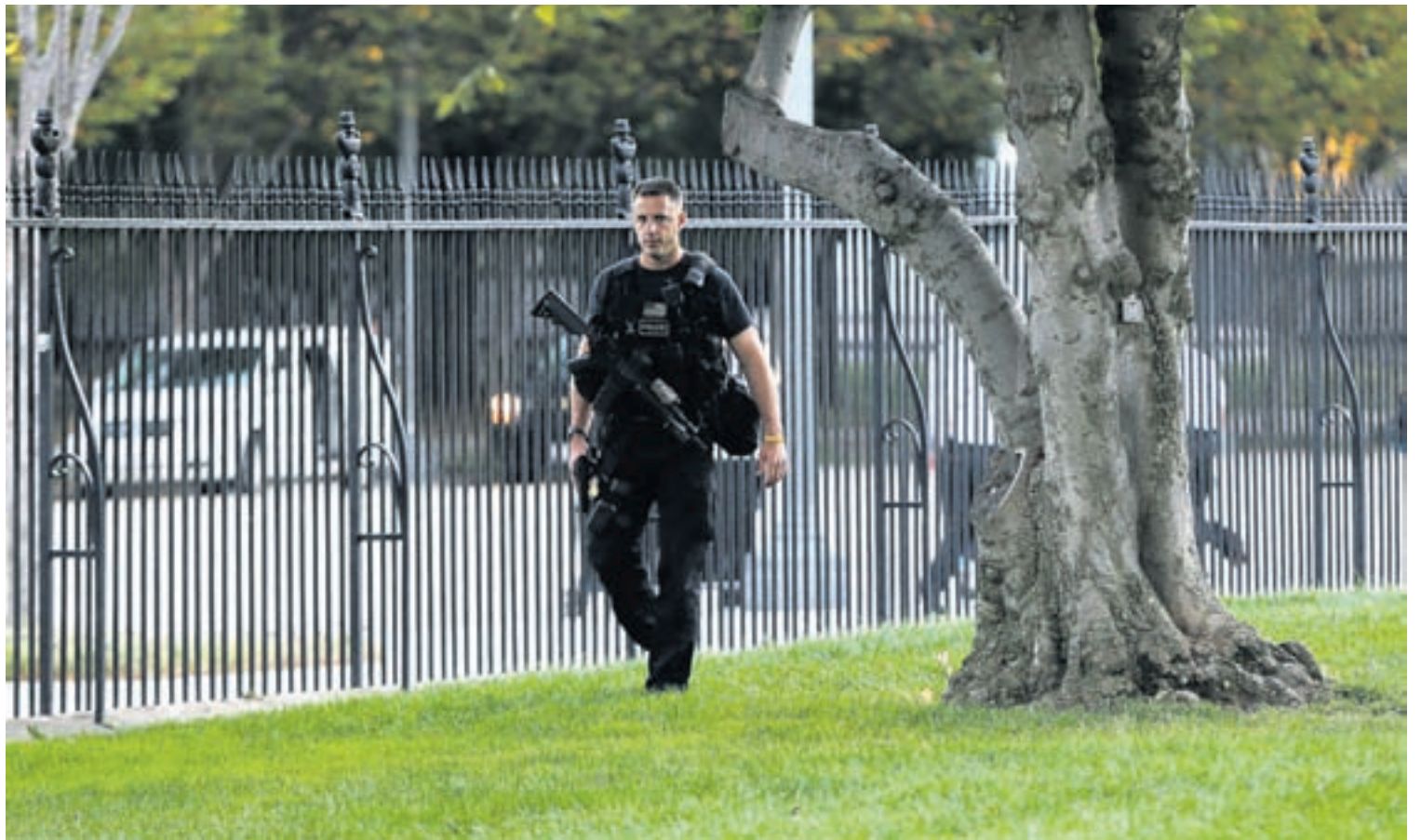
Friday evening, Obama and his family had left the White House for Camp David when the incident occurred. Gonzalez was seized just inside the building's front door. No guns were found in his car.

In court, Gonzalez, with the incident at the White House, said, "The Secret Service does a great job, and I'm grateful for the sacrifices that they make on my behalf -- and my family's behalf." But spokesman Josh Earnest said the president was "obviously concerned" about what had happened.

and flashlight and one with a bipod and scope, three .45-caliber handguns and several loaded ammunition magazines, Wythe County Deputy Commonwealth Attorney David Saliba said in a telephone interview. Saliba said he also had a hatchet and camping equipment.

The weapons and ammunition were seized in that July 19 incident, but Gonzalez was released on bail. Earnest said the Secret Service investigation will include a review of protective efforts both inside the White House grounds and outside the fence line along Pennsylvania Avenue, including staffing and threat assessment policies and procedures. The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee announced it would hold a hearing next week.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said he would ultimately review the findings of the investigation ordered by Secret Service Director Julia Piereson. Johnson said the public should not rush to judgment about the security breach and urged against second-guessing security officers whom he said "had



A member of security with a weapon walks along the interior of the perimeter fence on White House North Lawn along Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, Monday, Sept. 22, 2014. The Secret Service tightened their guard outside the White House after Friday's embarrassing breach in the security of one of the most closely protected buildings in the world. A man is accused of scaling the White House perimeter fence, running across the lawn and entering the presidential mansion before agents stopped him.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

a gray beard, a shaved head and dressed in a standard prison orange jumpsuit, listened impassively as the prosecutor spoke. He could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of illegally entering a restricted area with a dangerous weapon. The Army said he served from 1997 until his discharge in 2003, and again from 2005 to December 2012, when he retired due to disability.

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At the federal court hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney David Mudd said Gonzalez already was under indictment in southwestern Virginia, accused of having a sawed-off shotgun and trying to elude police this summer.

In that case, state troopers and agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives found a cache of weapons that included two semi-automatic military style rifles, including one with a bipod

only seconds to act." The Secret Service didn't open fire on Gonzalez or send attack dogs after him. Officers who spotted Gonzalez scale the fence quickly assessed that he didn't have any weapons in his hands and wasn't wearing clothing that could conceal substantial quantities of explosives, a primary reason agents did not fire their weapons, according to a U.S. official briefed on the investigation. □

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State police: 3 missing Afghan soldiers in custody

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BOSTON (AP) —

Three Afghanistan National Army officers who went missing during a training exercise at a Cape Cod military base were detained Monday at the U.S.-Canadian border, Massachusetts law enforcement officials said.

Massachusetts state police were notified that the three were being questioned by federal authorities at Rainbow Bridge, which connects Niagara Falls, New York, and Niagara Falls, Ontario, said spokesman David Procopio, who did not have further details.

There was no immediate



Vehicles are stopped by security personnel as they enter a gate Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, to Camp Edwards, Mass., on Cape Cod.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

comment from the Pentagon.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials in Niagara Falls said they didn't have the men in custody. Messages left for Canada Border Services Agency weren't immediately returned.

Military officials said the Afghan soldiers had been participating in a U.S. Central Command Regional Cooperation training exercise at Joint Base Cape Cod.

They arrived at Camp Edwards on Sept. 11 and were last seen Saturday at the Cape Cod Mall in Hyannis during an off day.

The soldiers were reported missing by base security personnel Saturday night. They were identified as Maj. Jan Mohammad Arash, Capt. Mohammad Nasir Askarzada and Capt. Noorullah Aminyar.

Gov. Deval Patrick, who had been briefed over the weekend on the situation, said earlier Monday that the military did not believe the three soldiers posed a danger to the public.

"They were vetted by the military.

They were cleared by the military," Patrick told reporters while he visited a preschool program in Quincy.

"There is a lot of speculation within the military that they may be trying to defect," he said.

Protesters stage Wall Street climate crisis sit-in

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The protest took a tense turn when demonstrators, after several hours of sitting and chanting near the bull statue, decided to march up Broadway and onto Wall Street itself. The protesters encountered barricades and a strong police presence outside the New York Stock Exchange. Some tried to push through the barricades, and tussles between demonstrators and police ensued.

Police used pepper spray as they tried to hold the barricade.

Tourist Matilde Soligno, vis-

iting from Bologna, Italy, came downtown to show a friend the famous bull and found it barricaded behind the demonstrators and the officers standing by. She took it in stride, snapping photos of the gathering.

"Every time I come here, there's somebody here protesting," she said. But, she added, "I think it's a good thing."

Demonstrator Nicholas Powers, who teaches black and feminist literature at SUNY Old Westbury, said that unlike Sunday's protest, the sit-in was less about building consensus and more about confronting the institutions they feel

are responsible for stalled political action to reverse global warming.

Dressed in a green wig and superhero outfit, protester Jenna DeBoisblanc said at a rally in a park near Wall Street before the protest that those assembled were expecting arrests at the sit-in.

"I think arrests in particular are a very good way of conveying the gravity of an issue," said DeBoisblanc, an environmental activist from New Orleans. "If you're willing to risk arrest it certainly demonstrates that it's something very urgent."

While some bystanders took the disruption in

stride, others were skeptical about what the protest stood to accomplish.

Christopher Keane, a lawyer whose office is upstairs from the sit-in, said was he concerned about climate change, "but these people aren't convincing me of anything."

"How did they get here today?" he asked, if not through some use of the fossil fuels they deplore.

On Sunday, actors Mark Ruffalo and Evangeline Lilly were among the 100,000 estimated protesters. It was one of many demonstrations around the world urging policymakers to take quick action.

2nd trial begins for man accused of killing teen

JACKSONVILLE, Florida (AP)

— Jury selection began Monday in the second trial of a Florida man accused of killing a Georgia teenager during an argument over loud music outside a Jacksonville convenience store. Attorneys for Michael Dunn, 47, want to move the first-degree murder trial away from Jacksonville, citing widespread publicity

about the case.

Circuit Judge Russell Healey has said he'll decide whether to move the trial only after the court sees dozens of potential jurors, a process expected to take at least three days.

Last February, another jury found Dunn guilty of attempted second-degree murder and firing into an occupied vehicle. The ju-

rors deadlocked on the first-degree murder charge. Prosecutors say Dunn killed 17-year-old Jordan Davis of Marietta, Georgia, when he fired 10 times into a sports utility vehicle occupied by four teens.

Dunn hasn't been sentenced on the earlier conviction, but faces 60 to 150 years in prison.

Dunn is white and the teens

in the car were black. The case has stirred racial tensions.

The first case received significant local and national media coverage, an issue the defense has argued makes getting a fair jury in Jacksonville nearly impossible.

Judge Healey has said he wants about 60 jurors left after days of questioning

about their knowledge of the case.

If a jury is impaneled in Jacksonville, those serving would be sequestered for the duration of the trial, which is expected to last about two weeks.

If the judge decides to move the trial, it would likely be postponed for months while a new venue is determined. □

Focus on employee in VA student's disappearance

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia (AP)

— Officials investigating the disappearance of a University of Virginia student focused Monday on the man they believe was the last person seen with her, searching his apartment for a second time and trying to locate the campus employee to arrest him on reckless driving charges. Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr., 32 and a patient technician in the operating room at the university's medical center, hasn't been charged in the disappearance, but authorities say they want to talk to him about Hannah Graham, 18.

Graham, who moved to Virginia with her family from England when she was 5, has been missing since Sept. 13. Police have not offered any details about how the two may be connected.

"I believe Jesse Matthew

was the last person she was seen with before she vanished off the face of the Earth because it's been a week and we can't find her," Charlottesville police Chief Timothy Longo said. "I've made no mistake about it. We want to talk to Jesse Matthew. We want to talk to him. We want to talk to him about his interaction with this sweet, young girl we can't find."

But, Longo also noted that "I don't want to get tunnel vision just because we have a name, just because we saw her with a particular person."

After initial searches of Matthew's car and apartment Friday morning, police returned with a new search warrant to his Charlottesville apartment Monday, city spokeswoman Miriam Dickler said. She did not say what they were looking for or whether they



This undated photo provided by the Charlottesville, Va. Police Department shows Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr. Authorities are again searching the apartment of Matthew, and they believe he is the last person seen with University of Virginia student Hannah Graham before she disappeared. Matthew is being sought on arrest warrants charging him with reckless driving, but authorities also say they want to talk to him about 18-year-old Graham, who has been missing since Sept. 13.

(AP Photo/Charlottesville, Va. Police Department)

found anything. On Saturday, Matthew stopped by the Charlottesville police station with several family members and asked for a lawyer, Longo said. He was provided with one but left in a vehicle at a high rate of speed that endangered other drivers and led to the reckless driving charges, according to the police chief. He said Matthew was there for about an hour.

Virginia State Police officers were conducting surveillance of the vehicle at the time but did not pursue Matthew, a spokeswoman said. On Monday, the Charlottesville Police Department released a wanted poster on Matthew.

It says the he was last reported on Sunday as driving his sister's 1997 light blue Nissan Sentra, and notes that he is said to have contacts in Virginia, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania

and Washington, D.C.

Police said they have focused on Graham's movements the night of Sept. 12 and into the early morning hours of Sept. 13. Graham, a second-year student from northern Virginia, met friends at a restaurant for dinner, stopped by two parties at off-campus housing units and left the second party alone, police have said. Surveillance videos showed her walking, and at some points running, past a pub and a service station and then onto the Downtown Mall, a seven-block pedestrian strip lined with shops and restaurants. Graham's disappearance has sent a ripple of fear through the quiet college town of Charlottesville. Students have said they've begun walking in pairs at night and are paying closer attention to their surroundings. □

Jury begins review of fatal Ohio Wal-Mart shooting

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Associated Press

XENIA, Ohio (AP) — A special grand jury began hearing evidence Monday in the racially charged case of a fatal police shooting inside a Wal-Mart store.

No timetable has been made public on how long it will take to present evidence to jurors or how long it might take for them to make a decision on whether anyone should face charges in the shooting of 22-year-old John Crawford III.

Some 20 people were outside the courthouse Monday morning to pray for "a peaceful process." Dozens

of others gathered outside the Wal-Mart store in a Dayton suburb and later walked about 11 miles (17 kilometers) to the courthouse in Xenia for an afternoon rally where several speakers called for "justice for John Crawford."

Crawford, who was black, was shot by police Aug. 5 while holding an air rifle his family said he'd taken off a store shelf.

Two white police officers responded to an emergency call reporting a man waving a gun. Police have said Crawford was shot after he didn't obey the officers' commands to put the weapon down.

Crawford's family said he was there shopping and did nothing to warrant being shot.

The family and supporters including the president of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus and the Rev. Al Sharpton have pushed for public release of store surveillance video. State Attorney General Mike DeWine has refused, saying it could compromise the investigation and taint a potential jury pool.

DeWine named a veteran prosecutor, Mark Piepmeyer, to take the case to the grand jury.

The family and other supporters also want federal

authorities to investigate whether race was a factor in the shooting.

On Monday, a handful of demonstrators stood on a street corner outside the courthouse with signs critical of authorities' handling of the case, with messages such as "Justice 4 All" and "Toy Guns Don't Kill People Cops Do."

At least 80 Crawford supporters joined them after walking from the Wal-Mart. Many wore black T-shirts bearing Crawford's name and "Release the Tape."

One speaker, Jovan Webster, said the lives of young black men and women "who have done nothing

wrong" are too often cut short by police.

James Hayes, an organizer of the Columbus-based Ohio Student Association, said they want the police officers indicted on criminal charges.

Prentiss Haney, from the association's Wright State University chapter, said the group will continue rallying outside the courthouse as the grand jury meets this week.

"We believe this is not just a problem in this area, but a national problem deeply rooted in racism that has plagued black and brown lives in our country," Haney said. □

NTSB probes fatal Delaware bus crash

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NEW CASTLE, Del. (AP) — An independent federal agency is casting a wide net as it investigates the cause of a bus crash that killed two passengers and injured dozens more when it toppled over on a Delaware highway. The National Transportation Safety Board announced Monday that it was opening an investigation into the Sunday wreck, which involved no other vehicles.

care at Christiana Hospital in Newark, with one in critical condition, according to hospital spokesman Hiran Ratnayake. Shavack said investigators are still trying to determine the primary factor that contributed to the crash, which could include speed, driver distraction, driver fatigue and mechanical issues. According to federal regulations, bus drivers are authorized to be on duty for up to 70 hours in an eight-day period.

Express Incorporated, and its policies, procedures, training and management systems. The company has been involved in one other crash over the past two years in which no one was injured, according to online records with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Seventeen bus inspections and 31 inspections of drivers in the past two years resulted in one driver and one bus being taken out of service.



Passengers from a tour bus are treated for injuries near the overturned bus at the Tybouts Corner onramp from southbound Delaware 1 to Red Lion Road, in Bear, Del. The crash left two women dead and several other passengers injured, authorities said.

(AP Photo/The Wilmington News-Journal, John J. Jankowski)

State police said drugs and alcohol did not play a role. Forty-nine passengers were on the bus as it drove onto a curved exit ramp and overturned in New Castle in northern Delaware, according to state police. The bus slid on its roof down a grass embankment and came to rest on its left side, police said.

Hua'y Chen, a 54-year-old woman from New York City, was found under the bus and pronounced dead at the scene, state police spokesman Sgt. Paul Shavack said. Idil Bahsi, a 30-year-old woman from Istanbul, Turkey, was taken to a hospital and died Sunday night.

Other passengers were taken to hospitals for injuries varying in severity. As of Monday afternoon, 20 patients were still receiving

State police investigators have interviewed the bus driver, 56-year-old Jinli Zhao, who was not critically injured, authorities said, because he was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The vehicle, a 1996 Setra Touring Coach Bus, does not have seatbelts on passenger seats, according to a representative for the manufacturer.

National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Peter Knudson said the agency's investigators are looking into contributing factors relating to both the driver and the vehicle. Knudson said NTSB investigators will also interview Zhao about his medical history and activity in the 72 hours before the wreck. Investigators also will look into the bus company, New York-based Am United

Ken Ng, a representative for the bus company, said Monday that he received three calls from Zhao on Sunday just after the crash, and that Zhao told him the bus had flipped over. Ng said Zhao told him he'd taken an alternative route from Washington to New York because of a traffic jam on Interstate 95.

Ng said the tour group, coordinated by E World Travel and Tour, was originally traveling with a different bus company, but the vehicle broke down near Corning, New York. Ng said he offered to tap Zhao, who had driven a group from New York to Corning earlier that day, to pick up the stranded passengers and continue the tour. Ng said the bus likely had a data recording device aboard.

Report: Veterans housing initiative imperiled by Shinseki's resignation

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LOS ANGELES - For 30 years after Vietnam, Art Harmon's address was a dry wash under the 210 freeway, where he tried to forget his tour as a 19-year-old helicopter gunner.

"I couldn't be around human beings anymore," he said. "I didn't feel at home anywhere."

Today Harmon has a one-bedroom apartment in nearby Sun Valley, thanks to what is being described as the largest campaign in history to stamp out homelessness among military veterans, who have constituted as much as a quarter of the nation's homeless population.

Since 2010, the Obama administration has spent \$4 billion hiring thousands of staff workers, expanding social services and medical programs, and renting thousands of apartments, seeking to fulfill a pledge by the former secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shinseki, to end veterans' homelessness by the end of next year. By most accounts, the effort has made significant strides, placing 51,000 veterans in housing and establishing what advocates for the homeless say is a promising model that gives veterans the stability of housing before tackling underlying problems with drugs or mental health.

But with a little more than a year to go, few experts believe the department will come close to meeting Shinseki's deadline. An estimated 50,000 veterans are still homeless; Shinseki, the driving force behind the initiative, is now gone, forced to resign amid the department's health care scandal; and some Republicans in Congress question whether the department has spent its money wisely on the program.

There are also concerns that Congress, despite bipartisan support in the past, will not continue to finance the program at its current level.

"There has been an incredible outlay of resources, and other than VA's own statistics, we really don't have specifics as to the program's effectiveness, outcomes and sustainability," said U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee. He said the committee planned to hold a hearing this fall to examine the program.

Advocates for the homeless have jumped to the department's defense, saying a concrete goal has spurred not just immense federal spending, but also innovation.

"There is a huge value to committing to an audacious goal, even if it is not met," said Beth Sandor of the 100,000 Homes Campaign, a homeless advocacy group. "Folks no one ever thought would get off the streets are getting help. It changes the vision of what's possible."

Phoenix and Salt Lake City announced last winter that they had effectively ended veterans' homelessness. Other cities say they are close.

"There's some warts out there," said John Driscoll, president of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, of inefficiencies in the program. "But we now have had the lowest count of homeless vets we have ever had, and the trends are moving in the right direction." Still, housing the remaining homeless veterans will be difficult, experts say, as the program has already helped many of the easiest-to-reach cases.

"A lot of these guys don't want to come in," said Tescia Uribe, director of veteran clinical services for PATH, a homeless outreach organization in Los Angeles that has helped the program put almost 1,000 veterans into housing in the last year.

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US Financial Front:

Existing home sales in America fall in August



Prospective buyer Mary Tuttle, right, checks out antique lighting fixtures while looking at a home with real estate broker Nancy Dowson, left, with Keller Williams Realty, in Miami Shores, Fla. The National Association of Realtors reported, on Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, on sales of existing homes in August.

(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Fewer Americans bought homes in August, as investors retreated from real estate and first-time buyers remained scarce.

Sales of existing homes fell 1.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.05 million, the National Association of Realtors said Monday. That snaps a four-month streak of gains. August sales are down from a July rate of 5.14 million, a figure that was revised slightly downward.

Much of the decline came from the exodus of investors, who had been buying properties in the aftermath of the housing bust and recession. Investors accounted for just 12 percent of August purchases, compared to 17 percent a year earlier.

Overall, the pace of home sales has dropped 5.3 percent year-over-year.

The August figures show that real estate recovery has depended largely on

investors and all-cash sales, instead of families looking to purchasing a house.

"It is apparent that much of the juice in the existing-home sales market remains centered in all-cash purchases by speculative buyers," said Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S. economist at the consulting firm MFR.

The rebound from the housing bust that triggered the recession has been painfully slow. The share of Americans who own homes has trended downward over the course of the five year recovery, as more Americans are becoming renters. The ownership rate fell to 64.7 percent through the middle of this year, down from a peak of 69.2 percent toward the end of 2004, according to the Census Bureau.

Sales were curbed by winter storms earlier in the year. They began to accelerate through the summer as mortgage rates eased back from 52-week highs. But the combination of rising home prices last year

and sluggish wage growth has limited sales.

Rising prices through much of 2013 and weak income growth priced out many would-be buyers. Only 29 percent of purchases in August came from first-time buyers, well below the historical average of 40 percent.

The median sales price has risen 4.8 percent over the past 12 months to \$219,800, but it slipped slightly in August compared to prices in July and June.

Sales of existing homes continue to lag last year's pace of 5.1 million. Annual sales of 5.5 million are consistent with a healthy housing market, according to analysts.

There is a 5.5 month supply of homes listed for sale. The supply has increased over the past year, yet it remains below the standard level of six months.

Sales tumbled 5.1 percent in the West and 4.2 percent in the South last month compared to July. Part of that decline was offset by

rising sales in the Northeast and Midwest.

Many consider home sales to be the missing link in a solid economic recovery. Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen recently told Congress that housing has proven to be disappointing this year.

Indicators heading into the fall and winter are mixed for real estate, however.

Home construction plunged 14.4 percent in August compared with the prior month, the Commerce Department said Thursday. Much of that decline was due to a drop-off in building apartment complexes, but single-family home construction also fell

2.4 percent.

Applications for building permits, a sign of future activity, dipped 5.6 percent to an annual rate of 998,000.

Yet builders expressed more confidence. The sentiment index from the National Association of Home Builders and Wells Fargo climbed in September to 59, the highest reading since November 2005. Readings above 50 indicate more builders view sales conditions as good rather than poor.

New-home construction increased 15.7 percent in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.09 million homes, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. □

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In Algeria: Islamist group kidnaps Frenchman

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ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A splinter group from al-Qaida's North African branch kidnapped a French citizen and said Monday that it would kill him unless France halts its airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Iraq. In a video that appeared on social media, a masked member of a group calling itself Jund al-Khilafah, or Soldiers of the Caliphate, addressed the threat to French President Francois Hollande and said the hostage would be killed unless the airstrikes were halted within 24 hours. The group said it was answering a call by Islamic State spokesman Abu Muhammad al-Adnani to attack Americans and Europeans.

The French Foreign Ministry confirmed the authenticity of the video and identified the hostage as 55-year-old Herve Gourdel.

Hollande spoke with Algerian Prime Minister Abdelmalek Sellal by phone, the French president's office said in a statement, emphasizing the "total cooperation" between France and Algeria to try to find and free the Frenchman. It said authorities in the two countries were in constant contact. French forces joined the U.S. on Sept. 19 in carrying out airstrikes against forces from the Islamic State group, which have overrun large swathes of Syria and Iraq. Gourdel appeared in the video flanked by two masked gunmen and said he was taken hostage on Sunday and reiterated its demands that French airstrikes end.

The Jund al-Khilafah group broke away from al-Qaida's North African branch in recent weeks and has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State, which has emerged as a brutal rival to al-Qaida.



In this still image from video published on the Internet on Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, by a group calling itself Jund al-Khilafah, or Soldiers of the Caliphate, a captive Frenchman appeals to French President Francois Hollande to help free him. The Frenchman, whom the ministry described as a 55-year-old mountain guide, said he was taken hostage by the group on Sunday and reiterated its demands that the French military end its airstrikes in Iraq. The group said it was answering a call by Islamic State group spokesman Abu Muhammad al-Adnani to attack Americans and Europeans. (AP Photo)

Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb has remained loyal to the central al-Qaida movement, led by Egyptian Ayman al-Zawahri and located along the Afghan-Pakistani border.

The rise of groups claiming allegiance to the Islamic State group is the latest sign of al-Qaida's weakening influence in the face of its new rival's successes on the battlefield.

According to the Algerian Interior Ministry, Gourdel and two Algerian companions were driving through the mountains near the village of Ait Ouabane when they were stopped by a group of armed men Sunday evening.

The gunmen released the Algerians and took Gourdel, who the ministry said was a

mountain guide. The three had spent the night at a ski lodge near the town of Tikdja, 110 kilometers (65 miles) from the capital, Algiers.

On his Facebook page, Gourdel said last week that he was off to Algeria on a

hiking and spelunking adventure and was looking forward to being guided himself for a change. He also joked about "if" he would return home from Algeria.

In a 42-minute audio statement released Sunday, Islamic State spokesman al-Adnani urged followers to kill Europeans and Americans, and "especially the spiteful and filthy French." The group has already beheaded two American journalists and a British aid worker.

"This threat to kill civilians, added to the execution of hostages and to the massacres, is yet another demonstration of the barbarism of these terrorists, justifying our fight without truce or pause," French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said Monday. □

AP: Islamic State group kills 40 Iraq troops, captures 68

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Islamic State militants disguised in Iraqi army uniforms and driving stolen Humvees killed at least 40 Iraqi soldiers and captured 68 others in western Anbar province, breaking through a deteriorating Iraqi military offensive in an area where the United States recently broadened its airstrike campaign.

The wave of suicide bombings dealt a heavy blow to government efforts to rein in the militants, whose rampage has seized much of the country's north and west — even as the U.S. and its allies began training Iraq's Kurdish peshmerga fighters to bolster their ability to battle the Sunni extremists. The attacks Sunday targeted troops stationed at Camp Saqlawiyah near the town of Sijir, 45 miles (70 kilometers) west of Baghdad. There has been no contact with the 68 captured Iraqi soldiers, who were believed to have been taken to the nearby city of Fallujah, an Islamic State stronghold, said Gen. Rasheed Fleih. After the attacks, the Iraqi military withdrew 700 more troops stationed in the area, he said.

Following battlefield successes in both Iraq and neighboring Syria, Islamic State fighters, among them many Iraqi nationals, have re-entered Iraq through Anbar province, engaging in fierce battles with the Iraqi military. In this Sunni-majority territory, the group has quickly capitalized on long-standing grievances against the Shiite-led government in Baghdad, earning support from local populations. Iraq's new Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said in a statement Monday that his government is committed to reinforcing military and police forces in Anbar and will increase airstrikes to target the pockets of militant fighters across the province. Last week, he declared an end to the shelling of towns where militants are suspected of hiding, so as not to rile the local populations.

In northern Iraq, meanwhile, the U.S. and its allies began training Kurdish peshmerga forces to enhance their ability to fight the Sunni extremists.

Helgurd Hikmet, general director of the ministry overseeing the Kurdish forces, said that France, Italy and Germany were among countries providing training in the use of the new machine guns, mortars, rockets and demining robots the Kurdish fighters have received.

The U.S. forces are part of the advise-and-assist teams that have been in Irbil, the provincial capital of the semi-autonomous Iraqi Kurdish region, for several weeks. The U.S. has also provided equipment against roadside bombs and other sophisticated artillery to the Kurdish fighters. Last week, the French joined in the aerial campaign, and a number of European countries have committed to arming the Kurds and providing humanitarian support for more than a million people displaced by the onslaught of the Islamic State group. □

Kiev notes progress on eastern Ukraine cease-fire



Street musicians perform in the town of Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, Monday, Sept. 22, 2014. A cease-fire was called on Sept. 5 but has been violated repeatedly. Negotiators from Ukraine, Russia, the rebels and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe last week tried to further the peace process with an agreement calling for both sides to halt their advances and for pulling back heavy artillery in order to create a buffer zone.

(AP Photo/Darko Vojinovic)

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KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Both government troops and pro-Russian rebels began withdrawing heavy artillery in the east of the country, Ukrainian officials said Monday, a significant step

toward implementing an effective cease-fire in the region.

Col. Andriy Lysenko, spokesman for Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, said Kiev's forces had started withdrawing from frontline positions. He

said the rebels had also begun their withdrawal of heavy artillery, although it was "not as massive as we expected."

"We are seeing a trend that (the rebels) are reducing their use of heavy armed weaponry," Lysenko told

journalists in Kiev. He said neither Kiev nor the rebels had completed their withdrawals, but said he hoped the rebels "will follow the example of the Ukrainian servicemen."

A cease-fire imposed Sept. 5 has been riddled by violations from the start, adding civilian casualties to the estimated 3,000 people who have been killed since the conflict began in April. On Monday, explosions were heard in the north of the rebel-held city of Donetsk, where fighting in recent weeks centered on a government-held airport has caught many residential areas in the crossfire. Later, smoke rose over a neighborhood in that area and rebels blocked an Associated Press photographer from traveling there. Lysenko said two Ukrainian servicemen had been killed in the past day. Ukraine, Russia and the Moscow-backed rebels last week signed an agreement to further the peace process by halting advances and pull back heavy artillery, creating a buffer

zone between them. The deal, supported by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, also specifically bans flights by combat aircraft over the area of conflict and setting up new minefields.

It could be a significant step forward in finally bringing an end to the simmering conflict, although negotiators have not yet addressed the future status of the rebel regions, the most politically controversial issue.

In an interview with Ukrainian news channels released late on Sunday, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko pleaded with the public to give the peace deal time to work.

"Solving the war in Luhansk and Donetsk with military alone is impossible," he said. "The more military groups we have there, the more the Russian army will send."

Poroshenko said that 65 percent of military equipment deployed by Kiev in the east has been destroyed. □

Israel court: African migrant detentions condemned

PETER ENAV

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A high Israeli court on Monday condemned the government's policy of detaining illegal African migrants captured in the Negev Desert, ordered that a detention facility be closed within three months and banned new detentions for a year.

The ruling by the High Court of Justice — which saw a nine-judge panel vote 7-2 to order the Holot detention center in the Negev closed within 90 days — sets the stage for a constitutional showdown between the country's executive and judicial branches.

It's the second time in a year the court ordered authorities to desist from detaining African migrants. Past government ministers have said the detentions are meant to encourage

migrants to return to their home countries.

About 50,000 Africans — mostly Eritreans and Sudanese — have poured into Israel since 2006, after crossing through neighboring Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. They have caused consternation in the mainly poor Israeli neighborhoods where they have settled and where residents say the migrants engage in petty crime and help turn the areas into slums — claims that have placed great pressure on officials to act to limit the number of migrants in the country.

The Africans say they are fleeing persecution and danger, while Israel says many are looking for employment.

Israel has struggled with how to deal with the migrants.


It has built a fence along

its 220-kilometer (130-mile) border with Egypt, offered cash to migrants to return home, reached out to other countries to take them in and in many cases detained them.

The Holot center, built in a remote desert location, saw scuffles between the migrants and police in June, when authorities broke up a protest by hundreds of African migrants who marched out of the center to protest their treatment.


Interior Minister Gideon Saar, responsible for implementing Israel's migrant policy, slammed Monday's ruling.

"The majority of the justices have committed an error," he told Channel 10 television news. "They have taken away from us our main tool for dealing with this problem." □



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Yemen:

Shiite rebel sweep into capital city kills 340

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SANAA, Yemen (AP) — In a stunning sweep of the Yemeni capital, the country's Shiite rebels seized homes, offices and military bases of their Sunni foes on Monday, forcing many into hiding and triggering an exodus of civilians from the city after a week of fighting that left 340 people dead. It was the latest development in the Hawthi blitz, which has plunged volatile Yemen into more turmoil, pitting the Shiite rebels against the Sunni-dominated military and their Islamist tribal allies.

The heavily armed Hawthi fighters on Monday seized tanks and armored vehicles from military headquarters they had overrun, and raided the home of long-time archenemy Maj. Gen. Ali Mohsen al-Ahmar, the commander of the army's elite 1st Armored Division and a veteran of a series of wars against the Shiite rebels, as well as residences of top Sunni Islamist militiamen or the fundamentalist Islah party. Al-Ahmar himself fled and was forced into hiding, along with his followers, as the U.N. envoy to Yemen, Jamal Benomar, succeeded in mediating a deal on Sunday between the Shiite Hawthi and their rivals and the fighting died down. But the Hawthi made no concessions.

After flooding into Sanaa, the Hawthi also took strategic installations and key state buildings, though they claimed later to have handed them back to the army's military police. Thousands of Hawthi fighters — including many youths — were the only visible force Monday on the

streets of the capital. They drove army tanks and armored vehicles they looted from al-Ahmar's forces out

Syria by Sunni militants from the Islamic State group. "The situation is very disturbing," Hayel said. "The

stipulates that they abide by the cease-fire, withdraw from Sanaa and other northern cities, and surren-



Hawthi Shiite rebels chant slogans as they ride in a pickup truck at the army's First Armored Division compound, after taking it over, in Sanaa, Yemen, Monday, Sept. 22, 2014. Heavily armed Yemeni Shiite militiamen took over the headquarters and house of a powerful army general allied to Sunni Islamists on Monday and set up checkpoints across the capital, Sanaa, after sweeping across the city as the general and his allies fled and went into hiding.

(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

of the city, heading north, likely to the Hawthi's heartland in the city of Saada. The group's spokesman Mohammed Abdul-Salam said the rebels will hunt down those who committed violence against them, indicating the possibility of wider revenge attacks against opponents. Observers say the Hawthi's battlefield success reflects a major change in Yemen's political landscape, with traditional sources of power — Sunni Islamists, allied army generals and tribal chiefs — losing their grip as the central government gave in to the Shiite rebels to avert a full-blown civil war.

Mansour Hayel, a Yemeni political analyst, compared the Hawthi sweep to the rampage in Iraq and

state withdrew its control over institutions and the Hawthi and their affiliates replaced it. They are all over the city."

The Hawthi signed the U.N.-brokered deal on Sunday, an agreement that gave them unprecedented influence in the presidency and over the Cabinet. It calls for an immediate cease-fire and the formation of a technocratic government within a month after consultations with all political parties. According to the deal, President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi is to appoint key advisers — from both the ranks of the Hawthi and the pro-separatist factions in the south.

However, the Hawthi abstained from signing an appendix to the deal that

der their weapons to the government.

Yemen, one of the Arab world's poorest nations, is facing multiple challenges. An al-Qaida branch in the south poses a constant threat as it tries to impose control over cities and towns. Washington considers the Yemeni branch to be the world's most dangerous arm of al-Qaida and has helped support Yemeni government offensives against it with drone strikes. The Hawthi waged a six-year insurgency that officially ended in 2010. The following year, an Arab Spring-inspired uprising forced then-President Ali Abdullah Saleh to step down in 2012 as part of a U.S.-backed deal giving him immunity from prosecution. □

New Zealand leader wants flag vote held for next year

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WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Fresh off a big election win, New Zealand Prime Minister John Key said Monday that he wants the nation to vote next year on changing its flag. Key told television station TV3 that he wants to quickly initiate the process of holding a national referendum. "I'd like that issue dealt with in 2015," he said. "New Zealanders either need to decide yes or no."

Some in New Zealand consider the flag to be an unwanted relic from a colonial past, while others feel a deep attachment to it. The flag depicts the Southern Cross star constellation and includes Britain's Union Jack in the top left corner. Opponents say it's too similar to Australia's flag and doesn't reflect New Zealand's independence from Britain.

When Key first raised the idea of a flag vote in March, he said he favored changing the design to a silver fern set against a black background, an image that's popular among New Zealand's sports teams, including the national rugby squad, known as the All Blacks. Some say that design would equate the country too much with its sporting heroes, or would be too reminiscent of a pirate ensign. And such a flag would not make reference to the nation's indigenous Maori, who some say should be represented in any new design. Among those who support retaining the flag are the Returned and Services Association group, which represents former military personnel. □



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New Afghan leader promises equal rights for women

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— Afghanistan's new president-elect pledged in his victory speech on Monday to give women prominent roles in his government and told his nation that women are important to the country's future.

The remarks by President-elect Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai came a day after the landmark power-sharing deal signed by Afghanistan's two presidential candidates. The agreement resolved a drawn-out dispute that threatened to plunge Afghanistan into political turmoil while complicating the withdrawal of U.S. and foreign troops.

Ghani Ahmadzai also said his former opponent — Abdullah Abdullah, who will fill the newly created role of government chief executive — has turned from competitor to colleague and that the two are committed to improving Afghanistan.

The country's election commission on Sunday announced Ghani Ahmadzai as the winner of a two-man runoff, ending an election process that began with a first round of voting in April. The announcement came only hours after Ghani Ahmadzai and Abdullah signed a political deal to form a national unity government.

The deal allowed the international community — including the U.S. and NATO — to breathe a sigh of relief, as the settlement greatly decreases the chances of ethnic vote violence. Ghani Ahmadzai has also pledged to sign a security agreement that would allow about 10,000 U.S. military trainers and advisers to remain in the country next year after all U.S. and NATO combat

troops withdraw.

The speech Monday took on the air of a campaign celebration, with a large crowd of supporters in attendance. Ghani Ahmadzai clasped the hands of female supporters and he and others raised their hands over their heads, a notable moment in a country where women are often socially segregated. The 65-year-old Ghani Ahmadzai said he wants Afghan women represented at the highest levels of government, including on the Supreme Court, where no female justices have ever served. He continued the theme during the nationally televised speech.

"In the face of these girls I can see future Afghan leaders," he said as he told his "sisters" in attendance that they have equal rights in society and government.

Mary Akrami, the head of the Afghan Women's Skills Development Centre, said she welcomed such sentiments but hoped they would be followed by action. She noted that Afghan women suffer heavily from family violence.

The incoming president is viewed as worldly and well-educated. A former finance minister, he has worked at the World Bank and earned a PhD from New York's Columbia University.

Perhaps to increase his religious bona fides in a devoutly Muslim country, Ghani Ahmadzai peppered his speech with references to Islam and said God is first and Afghanistan second.

In a message that appeared to be aimed at power brokers outside of Kabul, Ghani Ahmadzai said the national unity government's aim is to "end all parallel structures."



Afghan president-elect Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai speaks during his first public appearance since winning the election runoff in Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday, Sept. 22, 2014. Afghanistan's new president-elect says he wants Afghan women represented at the highest levels of government, and he pledged to appoint a woman to the Supreme Court. (AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)



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Hong Kong students push democracy with class boycott

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HONG KONG - Thousands of Hong Kong university students abandoned classes Monday to rally against Chinese government limits on voting rights, a bellwether demonstration of the city's appetite for turning smoldering discontent into street-level opposition.

"University students must shoulder the responsibility of these times," Nathan Law Kwun-chung, the act-

ing president of the student union of Lingnan University, told the crowd crammed into the main quad at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Some held banners of their schools, many others umbrellas to ward off the sun in this tropical former British colony.

"Boycotting classes is just the first wave of resistance," he said. "Today is not the last step for us all. It's the first step, and countless resistance campaigns will bear fruit."

The student strikers, who have said they will boycott classes for the week, are at the vanguard of a planned succession of protests against rules proposed by China that would effectively give Beijing the right to screen candidates for Hong Kong's top official.

High school students plan to join the boycott for a day on Friday. While the strike's first day indicated a modest start, the biggest showdown will come if the main pro-democracy group,

Occupy Central with Love and Peace, acts on vows to flood Central, the city's main business district, with demonstrators.

The confrontation with Beijing has moved the territory to the front lines of the battle for democratic rights in China after a government clampdown has silenced much dissent on the mainland. The Chinese legislature proposed election rule changes for Hong Kong last month that starting in 2017 would allow residents to

vote directly for the leader of the city's government, the chief executive, but would use a nominating committee dominated by pro-Beijing loyalists to restrict how many and which candidates can enter the contest.

The demonstrations may have only the slightest chance of forcing Beijing to change its mind and allow an open ballot, but student activists said they were ready to fight for many years. □

Blasting airstrips doesn't stop narcos in Peru

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Associated Press

PICHARI, Peru (AP) — The dynamiting of clandestine airstrips by Peruvian security forces in the world's No. 1 coca-growing valley cuts into profits but hardly discourages cocaine traffickers who net tens of thousands of dollars with each Bolivia-bound flight.

As authorities wound up a 54-airstrip "cratering" mission, Peru's counternarcotics police chief Gen. Vicente Romero told reporters that traffickers pay local villagers up to \$100 each to fill the holes blasted into the landing strips that dot the flood plain of the vast and verdant Apurimac and Ene river valley.

Two of the landing strips targeted in the latest operation have each been repaired four times this year, Romero said on Friday. Sometimes, the 500-meter airstrips are fixed overnight. An average of about four or five small planes fly daily into Peru from Bolivia, pick-

ing up about 300 kilograms each of coca paste worth about a third of a million

say. Romero says pilots earn from \$10,000 to \$25,000 per flight.

boring nations' air forces are limited so drug flights can only be intercepted on

this year.

Last week, Peruvian and Bolivian officials agreed to share information in real time on cross-border drug flights. They did not, however, divulge details.

Peru's anti-drug police, known as Dirandro, says the country produces 450 tons of cocaine a year, half of which leaves the country on small Bolivia-bound narco planes.

Most Peruvian cocaine ends up in Brazil and Europe.

The so-called air bridge between Peru and Bolivia has been especially active since 2011, the year before the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the United Nations said Peru surpassed Colombia as the world's top cocaine producer.

Peru halted shoot-downs of suspected drug flights in 2001 after a Peruvian air force jet mistakenly fired on a plane carrying U.S. missionaries, killing a woman and her infant daughter. □



Explosives are detonate by Peruvian counternarcotics forces on a part of a clandestine grassy airstrip in the Apurimac, Ene and Mantaro River Valleys, or VRAEM, the world's No. 1 coca-growing region, in Ayacucho, Peru. The dynamiting of craters by Peruvian security forces into clandestine airstrips cuts into profits but hardly discourages cocaine traffickers who net tens of thousands of dollars with each flight flown from these airstrips.

(AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

dollars in Bolivia, where it is further refined, authorities

The border has no radar coverage and the neigh-

the ground. Romero said 14 planes have been seized

Explosions kill at least 2 in restive region of China

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BEIJING - A series of explosions in the Xinjiang region of northwest China has killed at least two people and caused an unknown number of injuries, state media reported Monday. The blasts, which occurred Sunday, were the latest outbreak of violence to hit Xinjiang despite increasingly tight security.

The government-run Tian-shan news portal reported three separate explosions in Luntai County, southwest of the regional capital, Urumqi, but the website provided little detail.

The explosions occurred on the same day that 17 officials in southern Xinjiang were punished for failing to prevent a series of attacks in July that left almost 100 people dead, includ-

ing the imam of the largest mosque in China.

The authorities have blamed Islamic separatists for a surge of ethnic unrest in Xinjiang, a vast borderland that is home to the Uighurs, a Sunni Muslim, Turkic-speaking minority that has long bridled against Beijing's rule. Over the past year, hundreds of Uighurs have been detained, gunned down or

sentenced to death for their roles in what the state media have called "violent terror attacks."

Scores of Han, China's ethnic majority, have also been killed by Uighur assailants.

Exiled Uighur activists and international human rights groups, however, frequently dispute the government's description of the violence, saying that in many of the

clashes, security forces opened fire on demonstrators who were protesting increasingly intrusive policies aimed at restricting religious practices and assimilating Uighurs.

Last week, Ilham Tohti, a Uighur academic who has criticized such policies, was put on trial for separatism. A verdict is expected Tuesday. □



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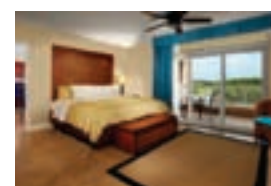
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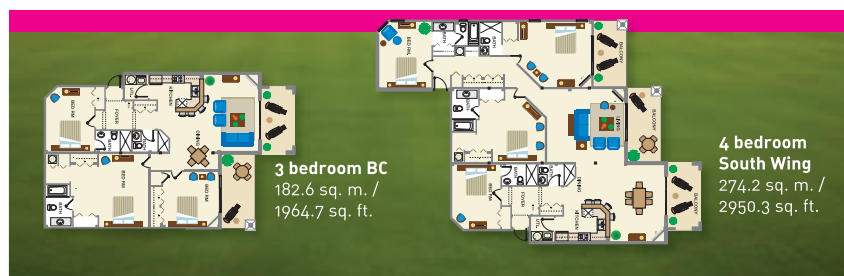
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The ram's horn is traditionally called a shofar, and is sounded each fall as the Jewish community prepares for the holiday. All are invited to hear this powerful performance and learn about Rosh Hashana's most important rituals on the sandy beaches of Aruba.

Chabad Aruba will be holding a special Shofar blowing on the beach for those who were unable to participate in the Prayer services.

The shofar is the central symbol of Rosh Hashanah, which is celebrated near the beginning of each fall. Synagogues blast the shofar every day for a month leading up to



the holiday, culminating with a sequence of 100 blasts during each of Rosh Hashanah's two days--this year on Thursday, September 25

and Friday, September 26. In addition to alerting the Jewish community to the approaching holiday, the sound of the shofar is also a

reminder of God's kingship and a call to repentance.

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The Shofar blowing on the beach is one of many Chabad Aruba Holiday programs, which give Jews the opportunity to learn the signifi-

cance of Jewish holiday rituals and perform them with their families.

"The blast of the shofar is a powerful call to the coming holiday, and the opening act to one of the happiest times of a new year," said Rabbi Ahron Blasberg, who will blow the shofar at Chabad. "The sound echoing throughout the synagogue alerts us to the majesty of God, the wonder of the changing seasons and the importance of our Jewish community and Jewish lives."

"We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Sweet New year"

Other Rosh Hashanah programs include a Rosh Hashana Prayer service followed by a festive dinner on September 24th 6.15pm, Prayer service and Shofar blowing on September 25th at 10am. And Rosh Hashana evening services on September 25th 6.15pm

Event Recap:

What: Shofar Blowing and Tashlich ceremony on the beach.
Where: Behind the Marriott Resort.
When: September 25th 5.45pm.

ABOUT ROSH HASHANAH: Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish newyear, is observed this year on the eve of September 24 through September 26. Meaning "head of the year" the two day holiday commemorates the creation of the world and marks the beginning of the Days of Awe, a 10-day period of introspection and repentance that culminates in the Yom Kippur holiday. For more information about Rosh Hashanah visit www.JewishAruba.com/HighHolidays.

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Brad Keselowski (2) leads cars in pit row during the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, in Loudon, N.H.
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Team Penske in command of the Chase after 2 races

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

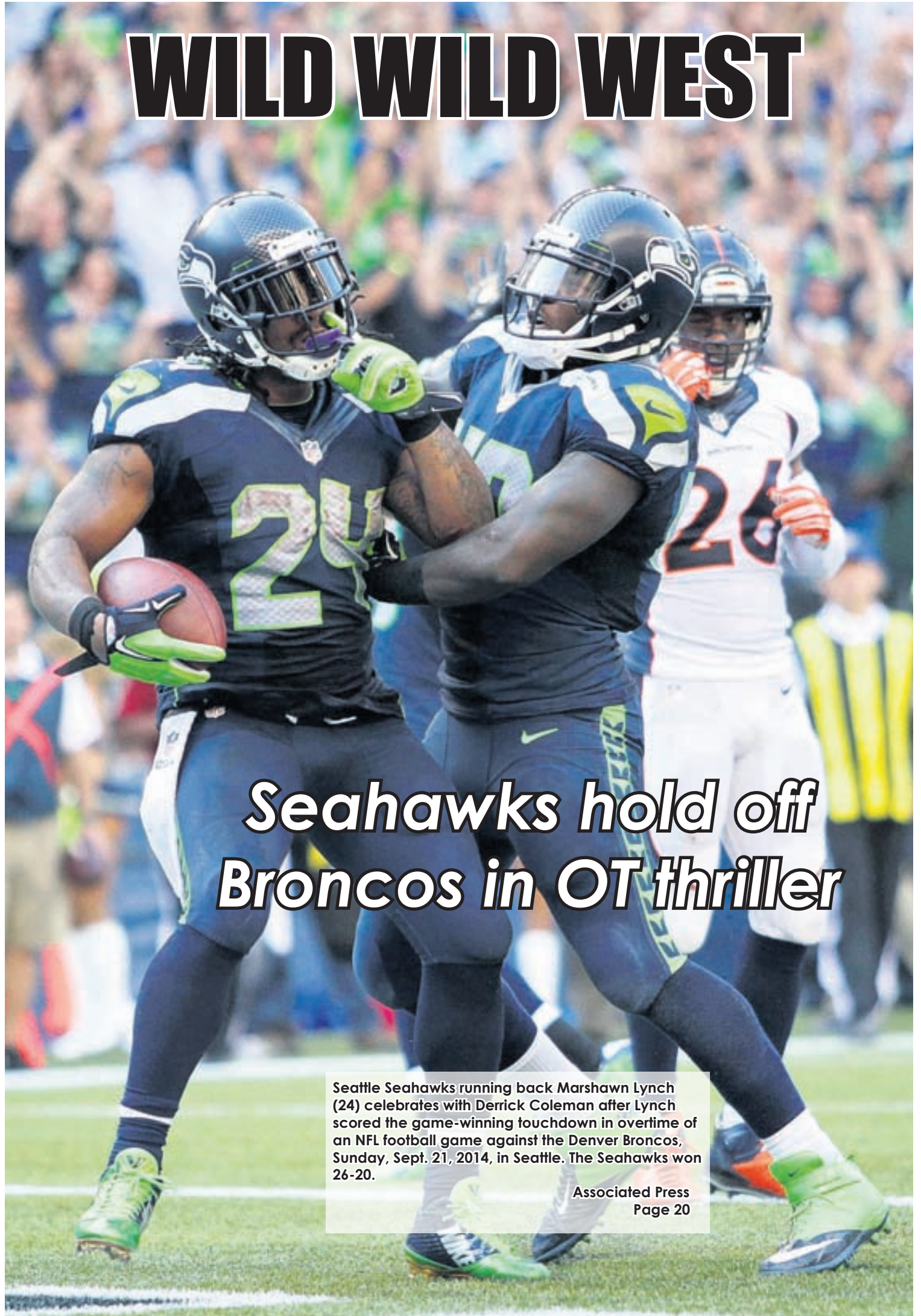
CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — As Brad Keselowski flaunted his fast car by leading session after session at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Joey Logano took a good-natured swipe at his teammate by asking him via Twitter to slow down.

The first message apparently fell on deaf ears, so Logano tried again the next day, tweeting to Keselowski: "You must have not heard me yesterday. Please?"

Logano ultimately didn't need an assist from Keselowski on Sunday. He led the final 30 laps to grab a pivotal victory, and the win pushed Logano into the second round of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, where he and Keselowski are the only two drivers guaranteed of advancing.

Team Penske is hot — the hottest organization in NASCAR with four wins in the last five races — and Logano and Keselowski are ruthless right now about results.

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WILD WILD WEST

Seahawks hold off Broncos in OT thriller

Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch (24) celebrates with Derrick Coleman after Lynch scored the game-winning touchdown in overtime of an NFL football game against the Denver Broncos, Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, in Seattle. The Seahawks won 26-20.

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Team Penske

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They aren't content simply securing spots in the second round of the Chase. They want to win everything in sight and not let anyone else in the game.

"Knowing that we're in the next round is nice," said Logano after his victory, "but we want to go out there and win. Our goal is to win the championship. Just because we're in the next (round) doesn't mean we're going to take a week off next week."

This 16-driver Chase under a new elimination format was supposed to pit Penske against mighty Hendrick Motorsports, but it's been all Penske through the first two races. Kevin Harvick has held his own, but his Stewart-Haas Racing entry has yet to stack up to the two Penske cars when a win is on the line.

And the four-car Hendrick effort? Well, Kasey Kahne could be eliminated Sunday at Dover, six-time and

defending champion Jimmie Johnson has been mediocre at best, and Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. aren't yet on the same level as the two Penske teams.

Granted, the 10-race Chase has ebbs and flows — Matt Kenseth won the first two races last year but still lost the championship to Johnson. But what the first two races this year has shown is that Penske is playing for keeps.

Keselowski pushed hard for the organization to sign Logano, whom he believed would be a great complement to an organization on an upswing. Logano was signed during Keselowski's 2012 championship run — the first Cup title for Roger Penske in 40 years of NASCAR participation — and indeed strengthened the two-car team.

Although Keselowski failed to make the Chase last year and was ineligible to defend his title, Logano earned his first career berth



Joey Logano celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H., Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014.

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as both cars were competitive for the first time in many, many years. Being shut out of the Chase made Keselowski more determined, and he's pushed and pushed behind the scenes for Penske to take an aggressive approach and rise to the level of Rick Hendrick's industry stan-

dard team.

So all season long has been a competition between the two organizations, with Harvick trying desperately to crash the party. Logano at Bristol picked up his third win of the year — at the time it tied him with Keselowski, Gordon, Earnhardt and Johnson for most in the

series, and then Keselowski surged to his fourth victory two weeks later.

Keselowski's win at Richmond was good for the top seed in the Chase, and he made it two-straight with a victory in the Chase opener at Chicagoland to give him five on the year. Logano answered with Sunday's win at New Hampshire, and both drivers have made it clear they won't coast into each round. If they could somehow win all 10 Chase races, they'd have no pity for the other teams.

"I'd like to say the 35-inch, 35-ounce bat, they're swinging it hard," Walt Czarniecki, vice chairman at Penske, said Sunday. "Someone asked me a minute ago, 'This must make you feel pretty good, both cars are advancing to the next round?' I said 'Let me tell you something about this group — we're worried about Dover right now.'"

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Silver: NBA will review domestic violence policies



In this April 29, 2014, file photo, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver addresses a news conference in New York. Associated Press

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said Monday his league will “take a fresh look” at its domestic violence procedures in the wake of the NFL’s rash of incidents. Silver said during a community service event in Staten Island that the league has been discussing with the NBA Players Association ways to further educate players and provide programs to them and their families. “We learn from other leagues’ experiences,” Silver said. “We’re studying everything that’s been happening in the NFL. We’re working with our players’ association. We’ve been talking for several weeks and we’re going to take a fresh look

at everything we do.” The NFL and Commissioner Roger Goodell have been criticized for punishments that were too slow or lenient for Ray Rice, Adrian Peterson and other players involved in recent domestic violence cases. Goodell said last week the NFL wants to implement new personal conduct policies by the Super Bowl. The NBA’s collective bargaining agreement calls for a minimum 10-game suspension for a first offense of a player convicted of a violent felony. “We have in place the appropriate mechanisms for discipline, although we’ll take a fresh look at those as well,” Silver said. “But most importantly, it’s education, and it’s not just the players, but it’s the players’ families. That’s what we’re

learning, too. “We have to take these programs directly to the players’ spouses, directly to their partners so that they’re aware of places they can go to express concerns, whether they’re anonymous hotlines, team executives, league executives. And we’re consulting experts. There’s a lot to be learned here. It’s a societal problem; it’s not one that’s unique to sports.” Silver spoke at the opening of a refurbished Staten Island playground and basketball court in an area damaged by Hurricane Sandy. He was joined by Mayor Bill de Blasio and Knicks and Nets officials in announcing community efforts throughout New York, which will host the 2015 All-Star weekend. Silver said the goal of the programs

is to directly reach 500,000 children.

New union executive director Michele Roberts also took part in what was her first official day in her new position. However, Silver said discussions with her started before Monday. “We do have in place, unlike the NFL, a penalty scale, and to the extent it needs any tweaking, then we’ll talk about tweaking it,” Roberts said. “What I hope we’re going to do as well is figure out ways to prevent any occurrence like that on our side. It’s one thing to know how to react in the event it happens; it’s a lot smarter to try to make sure it doesn’t happen in

the first instance.”

Silver noted that the NBA has had its own difficulties with issues off the court, saying the aftermath of former Clippers owner Donald Sterling’s racist remarks means “everyone understands the high standard that we are living under now in the NBA.” The NFL’s issues just accelerated the need to look for improvements.

“It’s been going on, but the whole world is focused right now on what’s happening around the NFL,” Silver said, “so it’d be foolish for us not to try to learn from everything that’s happening with that league as well.” □

MLS Roundup



Toronto FC’s Jackson, center, scores his team’s first goal against Chivas USA during the first half of an MLS soccer game in Toronto on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014. Associated Press

Gilberto helps Toronto FC beat Chivas USA 3-0

TORONTO (AP) — Gilberto scored a goal and set up another in Toronto FC’s 3-0 victory over last-place Chivas USA in Major League Soccer on Sunday. Jackson and Luke Moore also scored for Toronto, which ended a six-game winless streak with its first victory since beating Columbus on Aug. 9.

Chivas has lost six straight and is 10 of its past 11 games. It has also been shut out in nine of its last 10 matches.

Both teams were reduced to 10 men in the 66th minute after an altercation between Jackson and Chivas midfielder Nigel Reo-Coker. Both were given red cards. □

NFL Capsules

Seahawks hold off Broncos 26-20 in overtime

The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Marshawn Lynch scored on a 6-yard run on the first possession of overtime as the Seattle Seahawks beat the Denver Broncos 26-20 in the NFL on Sunday in a Super Bowl rematch that lived up to expectations.

Seattle blew a 17-3 fourth-quarter lead, watching Denver tie it at 20 on Peyton Manning's 26-yard touchdown pass to Jacob Tamme with 18 seconds left in regulation and his 2-point conversion pass to Demaryius Thomas.

But Manning never saw the ball in overtime, thanks to Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson. After nearly getting sacked for a safety and



Seattle Seahawks' Marshawn Lynch flies into the end zone for a touchdown in overtime against the Denver Broncos in an NFL football game Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, in Seattle. The Seahawks defeated the Broncos 26-20.

Associated Press

throwing an interception in the fourth quarter, Wilson was brilliant in overtime, rushing for 21 yards and connecting on 4 of 6 passes. Lynch went the final 6 yards.

Manning led the rally for Denver, helped by a number of Seahawks mistakes. He was 31 of 49 for 303 yards and two touchdowns, but also threw a costly fourth-quarter interception.

Wilson finished 24 of 34 for 258 yards and two touchdown passes, both late in the first half. Lynch had 88 yards rushing and also caught a 5-yard TD pass.

EAGLES 37, REDSKINS 34
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rookie Jordan Matthews, the receiver who replaced DeSean Jackson in Philadelphia, caught two touchdown passes as the Eagles beat Jackson and his Washington Redskins in a nasty game marred by a fourth-quarter brawl.

Jackson had his own big play, an 81-yard TD that tied it at 27. But it was not enough to offset Matthews and Jeremy Maclin, whose 27-yard scoring reception gave Philadelphia the lead. Rookie Cody Parkey's third field goal, a 51-yarder with 5:55 remaining, put the game out of reach.

Philadelphia's Chris Polk

had a 102-yard kickoff return. Kirk Cousins threw for 427 yards and three touchdowns for Washington.

The game was slowed by several injuries and disrupted by a sideline brawl with about 10 minutes remaining after Eagles quarterback Nick Foles was blindsided by Chris Baker during an apparent interception return by Bashaud Bree-land. Baker and Philly left tackle Jason Peters were ejected.

COWBOYS 34, RAMS 31

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Terrance Williams scored the go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter and Bruce Carter returned an interception 25 yards for a TD on the next snap as the Dallas Cowboys matched the largest comeback in team history to stun the St. Louis Rams.

DeMarco Murray's 1-yard run late in the first half began the rally for Dallas, which trailed 21-0. Dez Bryant caught a 68-yard scoring pass in the third quarter, and Carter's first career interception and touchdown came not long after he was evaluated for concussion-like symptoms on the bench.

Janoris Jenkins' 25-yard interception return, the fifth defensive touchdown in his three seasons, put the Rams up 21-0 with 6:06 to go in the first half.

RAVENS 23, BROWNS 21
CLEVELAND (AP) — With the Ray Rice domestic violence case lingering over them, the Ravens pulled off a comeback win as Justin Tucker kicked a 32-yard field as time expired to give Baltimore a victory over the Cleveland Browns.

Tucker's boot capped another challenging week for the Ravens, who continue to be dogged by their handling of Rice's suspension. Following the game, Baltimore coach John Harbaugh addressed an ESPN report that claims he wanted the team to immediately release Rice after he was arrested for punching his then-fiancee. □

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Royals avoid sweep,
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KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Nori Aoki hit a two-run triple, helping Jeremy Guthrie and the Royals increase their lead in the American League wild-card race.

The Royals avoided a three-game sweep and moved within 1 1/2 games of the AL Central-leading Tigers. Kansas City also opened a 1 1/2-game edge over Seattle for the second wild-card spot.

Aoki's tiebreaking triple in the fourth scored Omar Infante and Mike Moustakas, making it 4-2 and chasing Rick Porcello from the game.

Porcello (15-12) is 0-4 in his past five starts.

Guthrie (12-11) gave up one earned run in 5 1-3 innings. Greg Holland threw a perfect ninth for his 43rd save.

ASTROS 8, MARINERS 3

HOUSTON (AP) — Seattle's playoff hopes took another hit, with Jake Marisnick hitting a three-run homer for the second straight game to lead Houston to the victory.

Houston took two of three from the Mariners, dropping them 1 1/2 games behind Kansas City for the second AL wild card.

Rookie Collin McHugh (11-9) became the first Astros pitcher to win seven straight decisions since Roy Oswalt's nine-game string in 2006-07.

Hisashi Iwakuma (14-9) was trying to bounce back from his last two starts, when he was 0-2 with a 12.91 ERA. Instead, he allowed six hits and four runs in 4 1-3 innings.

INDIANS 7, TWINS 2

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Corey Kluber matched a career best by striking out 14 for the second straight start and Cleveland didn't lose any ground in the playoff chase with a win over Minnesota.

The Indians have won five

of six.

Cleveland is 3 1/2 games behind Kansas City for the second AL wild card, and hosts the Royals for three-plus games beginning Monday. In addition to Monday's regularly scheduled meeting, the teams will complete the Aug. 31 game in Kansas City that was suspended in the middle of the 10th inning due to rain with Cleveland up 4-2.

Kluber (17-9) won his fourth straight start. Anthony Swarzak (3-2) took the loss. **ATHLETICS 8, PHILLIES 6, 10 INNINGS**

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Josh Donaldson hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning, lifting Oakland to the victory.

The A's lead the AL wild-card race by a half-game over Kansas City, with Seattle 1 1/2 games behind the Royals.

Nate Freiman singled with one out against Miguel Gonzalez (0-1) to set up Donaldson's shot.

Sean Doolittle (2-4) pitched two innings.

RANGERS 2, ANGELS 1

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Ryan Rua hit his first major league homer, connecting off Huston Street in the ninth inning as the Rangers beat the playoff-bound Angels for their eighth win in nine games.

The Rangers, who have the worst record in majors, took two of three from the Angels, who have the best record.

Rua broke a tie with his one-out shot off Street (1-2).

Shawn Tolleson (3-1) got two outs in the eighth. Neftali Feliz struck out the side for his 11th save.

RED SOX 3, ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE (AP) — Joe Kelly pitched seven innings of three-hit ball and the Red Sox got home runs from Mookie Betts and David Ross.

Boston took two of three

from the Orioles, who have been playing without several regulars in the lineup since clinching the AL East title on Tuesday.

Edward Mujica got his eighth save, preserving the win for Kelly (3-2).

Baltimore's Miguel Gonzalez (9-9) allowed three runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings.

YANKEES 5, BLUE JAYS 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Masahiro Tanaka made a triumphant return from an elbow injury that sidelined him for 2 1/2 months and a rejuvenated Derek Jeter got two more hits on his final homestand, leading the Yankees to the victory.

The Yankees are 4 1/2 games out of the second AL wild-card spot with a week left.

The retiring Jeter went 8 for 15 with two doubles, a home run and three RBIs in his next-to-last home series. Tanaka (13-4) made his first start since being sidelined by a small tear in his elbow in early July. He has tried to recover with rest and rehabilitation, rather than Tommy John surgery.

Mike Tyson aids motorcyclist
after Las Vegas crash

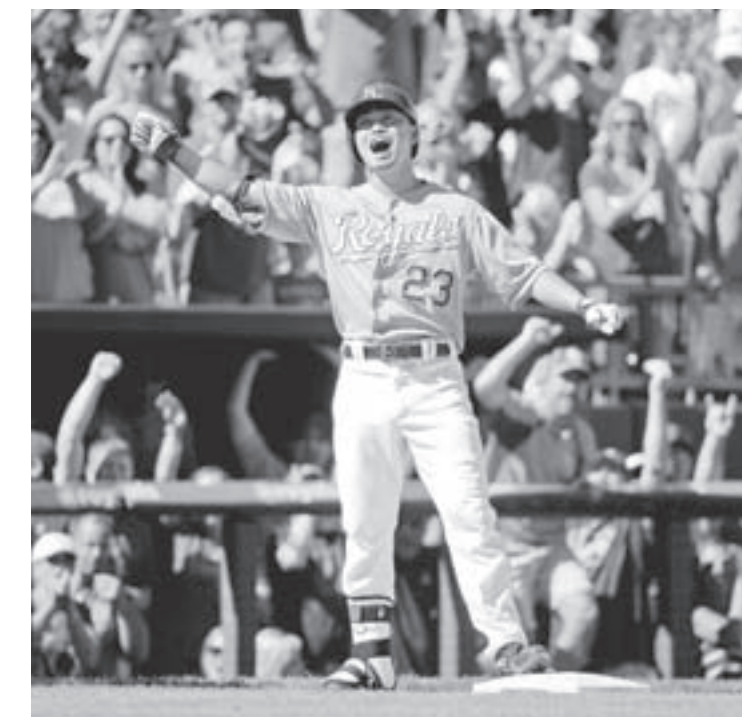
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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Retired boxer Mike Tyson may be famous for his aggressiveness, but he showed his compassionate side last week when he came to the rescue of an injured motorcyclist who had crashed on a Las Vegas interstate.

Attorney Stephen Stubbs said his client, 29-year-old Ryan Chesley, was on Interstate 15 in Las Vegas at about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday when a taxi cut him off and he went down.

Stubbs said Chesley was lying on the ground



Kansas City Royals' Norichika Aoki celebrates after hitting a two-run triple during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers, Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo.

Associated Press

Tanaka allowed one run and five hits in 5 1-3 innings. As promised, manager Joe Girardi removed him after 70 pitches.

David Robertson pitched a hitless ninth for his 38th save in 42 chances.

Brett Gardner hit the 15,000th home run in Yankees history, connecting against Drew Hutchison (10-13).

WHITE SOX 10, RAYS 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Avisail Garcia hit two home runs, John Danks took a no-hit bid into the sixth inning and the White Sox beat Tampa Bay in the Rays' home finale.

Winning for the first time in 10 starts since July 25, Danks (10-11) didn't allow a hit until Brandon Guyer's double with one out in the sixth.

Nathan Karns (1-1) took the loss. Tampa Bay finished with its worst home record (36-45) since 2002.

In other AL games it was N.Y. Yankees 5, Toronto 2; Boston 3, Baltimore 2; Chicago White Sox 10, Tampa Bay 5; Cleveland 7, Minnesota 2; Kansas City 5, Detroit 2; Houston 8, Seattle 3; Texas 2, L.A. Angels 1; and Oakland 8, Philadelphia 6, 10 innings.

when he looked up and recognized Tyson, who was yelling at people not to touch Chesley.

"He thought he was hallucinating," Stubbs said. "He thought he was in some other world."

Chesley, who had broken bones and torn ligaments, could still use his right hand and snapped a cellphone picture of the heavyweight boxer. As soon as paramedics arrived, Tyson "just left, like some kind of superhero," Stubbs said.

Mike Tyson's assistant, Steve Lott, said the fighter received a fruit basket with a handwritten thank-

you note from Chesley on Friday.

"Thank you so much for looking over me after my accident," said the note, which Lott provided to The Associated Press.

"It has to be the most reassuring thing in the world to have Mike Tyson telling people not to touch me." Half the fruit in the basket had been consumed by Monday, Lott said, and the pistachios were a particularly popular item. Chesley will need surgery but has since been released from the hospital, Stubbs said.

NL Capsules

Pirates pad lead in MLB wild-card race

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Vance Worley pitched eight sparkling innings, Russell Martin hit a late RBI single and the Pittsburgh Pirates trapped a runner in the ninth to edge Milwaukee 1-0 in Major League Baseball on Sunday, extending their wild-card lead over the Brewers. The Pirates tied San Francisco atop the National League wild-card race, 4 1/2 games ahead of Milwaukee. Andrew McCutchen singled and scored in the seventh, helping Pittsburgh take two of three from the Brewers. Carlos Gomez led off the Milwaukee ninth with a single and Rickie Weeks followed with an infield hit, but the speedy Gomez got caught in a rundown and was tagged between second and third.

McCutchen led off the seventh with a single against Wily Peralta (16-11). Worley (8-4) scattered four hits, walking none and striking out five. Tony Watson worked the ninth for his first save.

REDS 7, CARDINALS 2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Cardinals clinched a playoff spot, and then lost to the Reds.

St. Louis secured its fourth consecutive postseason appearance when Milwaukee lost to Pittsburgh earlier



A wild pitch from Milwaukee Brewers starting pitcher Wily Peralta gets away from catcher Jonathan Lucroy with Pittsburgh Pirates' Russell Martin at bat in the seventh inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014. Andrew McCutchen advanced to third on the error and scored on a single by Martin. The Pirates won 1-0.

Associated Press

in the day. But the Cardinals' lead in the NL Central was sliced to 2 1/2 games over the Pirates.

Bruce hit two of Cincinnati's four homers as the Reds snapped a six-game losing streak. Todd Frazier and Devin Mesoraco also went deep. Reds right-hander Alfredo Simon (15-10) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings.

Lance Lynn (15-10) gave up three runs and four hits in six innings for St. Louis.

ASTROS 8, MARINERS 3

HOUSTON (AP) — Seattle's playoff hopes took another hit, with Jake Marisnick hitting a three-run homer for the second straight game to lead Houston to the victory.

Houston took two of three from the Mariners, dropping them 1 1/2 games behind Kansas City for the second AL wild card.

Rookie Collin McHugh (11-9) became the first Astros pitcher to win seven straight decisions since Roy Oswalt's nine-game string

in 2006-07.

Hisashi Iwakuma (14-9) was trying to bounce back from his last two starts, when he was 0-2 with a 12.91 ERA. Instead, he allowed six hits and four runs in 4 1-3 innings.

DODGERS 8, CUBS 5

CHICAGO (AP) — Matt Kemp homered and drove in four runs, Yasiel Puig scored a career-high four times and the NL West-leading Dodgers beat the Cubs.

Kemp had four hits for the

Dodgers, who clinched a playoff berth on Friday and lead San Francisco by 4 1/2 games. The Giants start a three-game series at Dodger Stadium on Monday.

Jamey Wright made his first start since Sept. 1, 2013, going two innings as the Dodgers used their bullpen to pitch the whole game. Chris Perez (1-3) got the win and Kenley Jansen earned his 43rd save.

PADRES 8, GIANTS 2

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Reeling San Francisco managed just six hits off Ian Kennedy and three relievers, losing to San Diego and falling 4 1/2 games behind the Dodgers in the NL West.

The Giants are still in good shape for a wild-card berth — they're tied with Pittsburgh, 4 1/2 games ahead of Milwaukee.

Kennedy (12-13) struck out five, giving him a career-high 201.

Ryan Vogelsong (8-12) held the Padres hitless until Seth Smith doubled leading off the fifth.

Shawn Tolleson (3-1) got two outs in the eighth. Nef-tali Feliz struck out the side for his 11th save.

NATIONALS 2, MARLINS 1

MIAMI (AP) — Stephen Strasburg pitched seven shutout innings and NL-leading Washington swept a four-game series from Miami.

Caroline Garcia upsets Radwanska at Wuhan Open

The Associated Press

WUHAN, China (AP) — Caroline Garcia followed up her first-round win over Venus Williams with a 3-6, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (7) upset win over fifth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska on Monday at the inaugural Wuhan Open.

The 20-year-old Frenchwoman went for broke, continuing to hit big ground strokes despite piling up unforced errors as she tried to keep Radwanska on the back foot.

"It's pretty different game between Venus and Radwanska, but I did the same game for myself," Garcia said. "Against these kind

of girls like Radwanska you have to do (this kind) of game ... sometime you can miss, but I knew it was the only way I can win this today."

No. 4-seeded Maria Sharapova beat fellow Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 in a second-round night match that lasted more than two hours. In earlier first-round matches, No. 10 Jelena Jankovic beat Christina McHale of the United States 6-4, 6-4 and No. 11 Sara Errani of Italy reeled off the last six games to beat Heather Watson of Britain 7-5, 6-4.

Ninth-seeded Ana Iva-

novic, who won the title in Tokyo on the weekend, was among the four seeded players who lost on Monday. She retired with a thigh problem when Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova was serving for the match at 7-5, 6-5, while No. 12 and Australian Open finalist Dominika Cibulkova retired with a left ankle problem at the start of the third set after splitting the first two sets with American Madison Keys. Sabine Lisicki of Germany beat No. 14 Lucie Safarova 7-5, 2-6, 6-3 and Australian qualifier Jarmila Gajdosova ousted No. 15 Flavia Pennetta 6-1, 6-4. Mona Barthel of Germany

beat crowd favorite Peng Shuai of China 6-2, 7-6 (1) and Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic had a 6-4, 6-4 win over former U.S. Open champion Sam Stosur.

Among those advancing were Alize Cornet of France, Casey Dellacqua of Australia, Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain and U.S. player Coco Vandeweghe, who beat Annika Beck of Germany 6-3, 6-2.

Almost all the WTA's top 20 players are in Wuhan, with the notable exception of hometown player Li Na, who announced her retirement last Friday.

The strength of the field and the more than \$2 million on offer in prize money reflect the importance the women's tour continues to place on the booming Asian tennis market.

Wuhan is one of three new WTA-level tournaments added in China this year, along with Hong Kong and Tianjin. The newcomers bring the total number of tournaments in China to six — behind only the United States, which has eight.

The season-ending WTA Championship was also moved this year to Singapore through 2018 as part of the push into Asia.

A Closer Look: Ways to hide, secure data on phones

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NEW YORK (AP) — Apple got a lot of attention last week when it released a new privacy policy along with a declaration that police can't get to your password-protected data.

Essentially, your photos, messages and other documents are automatically encrypted when you set up a passcode, with or without a fingerprint ID to unlock the phone. Apple says it cannot bypass that passcode, even if law enforcement asks.

Google says it will also encrypt data by default in an upcoming Android update. The option has been there, but many people don't know about it or bother to turn it on.

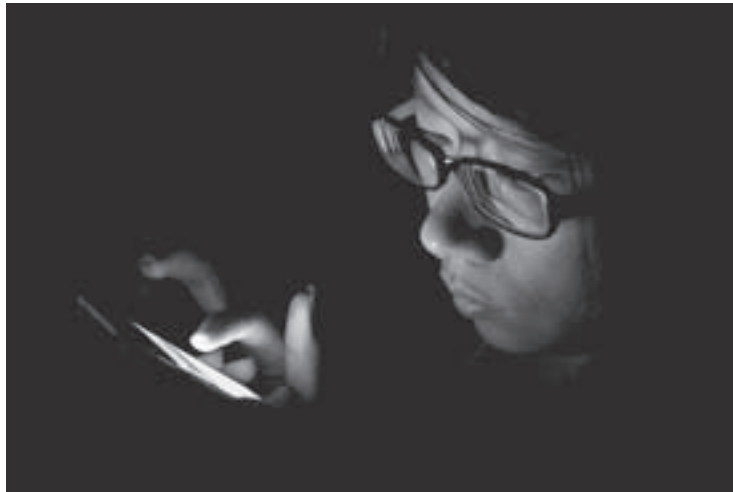
Apple, Google and other tech companies have been trying to depict themselves as trustworthy stewards of personal information following revelations that the National Security Agency has been snooping on emails and other communications as part of an effort to identify terrorists. Apple is also trying to reassure customers about its commitment to

security and privacy after hackers broke into online accounts of celebrities who had personal photos stored on Apple's iCloud service.

Beyond setting up passcodes, some phones have additional tools for hiding or securing sensitive pho-

tos app. Simply press down on the photo or the thumbnail of it and tap "Hide." However, the photo will still appear in individual albums, including a new one called "Hidden." You can go there to unhide hidden photos.

So why bother? This feature



In this Sept. 11, 2013 file photo, a journalist uses her mobile device during a media event held in Beijing. Associated Press

tos and documents stored on the phone, particularly if you need to lend or show your phone to someone.

Here's a closer look at some of those options:

— **APPLE'S IPHONES AND IPADS:**

In the latest software update for mobile devices, iOS 8, Apple offers an easier way to hide photos from your collection in the Pho-

is mainly useful when you want to let people glance through your entire collection of photos. That could be when you're sitting with a friend in the same room or making a presentation before a large audience. You can hide embarrassing or incriminating photos — such as naked selfies — as long as you remain in control of the device.

If you hand it to a friend and walk out, your friend can browse through the albums section.

— **SAMSUNG'S GALAXY DEVICES:**

The Galaxy S5 phone introduced a private mode. You turn it on in the settings, under "Private Mode" in the Personalization section. You then go through your phone to mark certain content as private. With photos, for instance, just go to the Gallery app and select the photos or albums you want to keep private. Then hit the menu icon for the option to "Move to Private." This also works with selected video, music, audio recordings.

After you've marked your files as private, you need to go back to the settings to turn Private Mode off. Think of that setting as the door to a vault. Turning it on opens the door and lets you move stuff in and out. Turning it off closes and locks the door. It's the opposite of what you might think: Private Mode needs to be off for your content to be secure.

Once locked, it is as though the content never existed. No one will know

what's inside the vault, or whether there's even anything inside. To unlock the vault, you need your passcode or fingerprint ID.

The private-mode feature is also part of Samsung's Galaxy Tab S tablets and the upcoming Galaxy Note phones.

— **LG G3:**

LG's flagship phone has a guest mode. You can lend a phone to a friend without giving your friend access to everything. You can even set a separate unlock code for the guest, so that you don't have to give out yours.

Look for "Guest mode" in the settings under the General tab. You then specify which apps your guest can access. For instance, you might want to give access to the phone, alarm clock and music, but you might want to block email and texts.

In some cases, guests have limited access to your content. With the Gallery app, your collection of photos won't generally appear unless they are in the "Guest album." Guests can take photos, too, and have them appear there. □

Study: Apple's new iPhones score big in durability

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NEW YORK (AP) — Apple's new and bigger iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus are more durable than last year's model and a leading Android phone, a study says. Apple's iPhone 6, whose screen measures 4.7 inches (11.9 centimeters), did the best across a variety of tests that measures how prone smartphones are to break due to every day accidents, SquareTrade, a company that provides extended protection plans, says.

The iPhone Plus 6, whose screen measures 5.5 inches (14 centimeters), wasn't far behind but lost points because it could slip out of a person's hand since some users may have a hard time gripping its large but slim form, SquareTrade says.

The iPhone 5s, which measures 4 inches (10 centimeters) and came out last year, fared better than Samsung's Galaxy S5, which measures 5.1 inches (12.95 centimeters). The Samsung phone got poor marks on several tests including the slide test. The more a phone slides, the greater its chance of falling off the edge of a table. Still, all four of the smartphones tested had a medium risk of breakage and had no drastic differences among them.

"The phones are getting more and more durable," says Ty Shay, chief marketing officer at SquareTrade. "Manufacturers are paying more attention."

SquareTrade examines the phones based on eight factors, including size, weight, grip and the quality of the front and back panels. The

company measured how far the phones slide when pushed across a table on their backs and how well they withstand drops from 4 feet (1.2 meters) and being dunked in water for 10 seconds.

SquareTrade says it uses robots to do the testing to ensure consistency, and rates the phones on a 10-point durability scale, with 10 signifying the highest risk. Apple's iPhone 6 scored the best at 4; the iPhone 6 Plus scored a 5; the iPhone 5s a 6; and Samsung Galaxy S5 a 6.5. Apple's iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus passed the slide test, but the iPhone 5s and Samsung Galaxy's S5 got poor marks in that area. The iPhone 6 Plus was the only one that didn't fare as well when dropped 4 feet (1.2 meters) by the robot. The glass screen survived, but the case sepa-



In this Sept. 9, 2014, file photo, the iPhone 6, at left, and iPhone 6 plus are shown next to each other during a new product release in Cupertino, Calif. Associated Press

rated from the glass. All four phones fared well in the water resistance test. SquareTrade provided The Associated Press with the results ahead of Monday's announcement.

Aside from larger screens, the new Apple iPhones 6 and 6 Plus announced this month promises faster

performance and offers a wireless chip for making credit card payments at stores by holding the phone near the payment terminal. The phones start at \$199 with a two-year service contract. The phones went on sale this past week in the U.S. and nine other countries. □

Stocks drop as China, oil weigh on markets

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NEW YORK (AP) — Worries about the outlook for growth in China and a slide in the price of oil pushed the stock market to its biggest loss in almost seven weeks Monday.

Investors are nervous about China following a run of soft economic data that suggests growth in the world's second-largest economy is slowing. The worries about China helped push down the price of oil. That in turn weighed on energy stocks. The stock market has struggled to gain traction this month as investors have weighed signs of an improving economy in the U.S. against evidence of slowing growth in both Europe and Asia.

"We've got China weighing down on stocks," said Kristina Hooper, U.S. investment strategist at Allianz Global Investors. "The lack of transparency there always creates greater uncertainty."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 16.11 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,994.29. The loss was the biggest one-day decline for the index since Aug. 5. The index is down 0.5 per-

cent this month.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 107.06 points, or 0.6 percent, to 17,172.68. The Nasdaq composite dropped 52.10 points, or

media conglomerates and retailers, fell the most.

The price of oil dropped on concerns that Libya's production is picking up at a time when global

shunned the riskier parts of the market.

The Russell 2000, an index which tracks small-company stocks, fell 1.5 percent, more than other indexes.



Trader William Lawrence works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Worries about the outlook for growth in China and a slide in the price of oil pushed the stock market to its biggest loss in almost seven weeks Monday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

1.1 percent, to 4,527.69.

The losses were broad, and all 10 industry sectors that make up the S&P 500 declined. Energy stocks were the second-biggest decliners, slumping 1.4 percent as the price of oil fell. Companies that rely the most on consumer spending, such as entertainment and

economic indicators point to weaker demand from countries including China. Benchmark U.S. oil fell 89 cents to \$91.52 a barrel. Analysts say U.S. oil could test the \$90 mark sometime this week.

Smaller companies were also among the biggest decliners as investors

The Russell has dropped 3 percent so far this year, compared with gains of 7.9 percent for the S&P 500 and 3.6 percent for the Dow.

Some analysts say investors should regard any pullback in stock prices as an opportunity to add to their holdings. □

Clorox exits Venezuela on uncertainty

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Clorox is shutting down all operations in Venezuela, citing restrictions by the government, supply disruptions and economic uncertainty. Shares jumped 3 percent before the opening bell Monday.

The consumer products company said that for almost three years its affiliate, Corporación Clorox de Venezuela S.A., had to sell more than two-thirds of its products at prices frozen by the Venezuelan government. Over that same time span, there was a sharp rise in inflation that resulted in significantly higher costs for Clorox.

The Clorox Co. affiliate met repeatedly with government authorities and said it had expected significant price hikes would be allowed earlier in 2014. However, Clorox said that the price increases that were approved were "nowhere near sufficient" and that the company would be forced to continue selling products at a loss.

Clorox, which makes Pine-Sol, Glad bags, wraps and containers and Kingsford charcoal, said it is now looking to sell its assets in Venezuela. The Venezuelan economy has grown unstable since the death last year of Hugo Chavez, its longtime president.

Inflation has been raging and economists have recently begun talking about the possibility of a government default. Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, who has clamped down on large protests, has told foreign creditors that his government will make good on a \$4.5 billion foreign debt payment due next month.

The turmoil is taking its toll on U.S. corporations, however.

American and Delta Airlines are cutting flights in the country and another consumer products company, Procter & Gamble, cut its profit outlook, citing the fluctuating currencies of Venezuela and other developing countries. □

Merck to buy St. Louis-based Sigma-Aldrich

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— German drug company Merck says it has agreed to buy St. Louis-based chemical firm Sigma-Aldrich Corp. for \$17 billion in a deal Merck says will strengthen its business in chemicals and laboratory equipment.

Darmstadt-based Merck KGaA said Monday it is paying \$140 per share in cash for all of Sigma-Aldrich's shares — a premium of 37 percent over Friday's closing price of \$102.37.

Sigma-Aldrich has over 9,000 employees in 40 countries and supplies chemicals and laboratory equipment to government and commercial facilities. It said its board of directors

has unanimously approved the deal, which is expected to close next year, subject to regulators' approval.

Merck CEO Karl-Ludwig Kley said the company had a "clear commitment" to St. Louis as a business location, given Sigma-Aldrich's decades-long presence there and the company's role as a leader in civic society — a role Kley said would continue. He said it was too early in the integration process to answer a question about possible job losses at any of the company's facilities.

Sigma-Aldrich CEO Rakesh Sachdev said the deal was a "very positive outcome" for shareholders due to the price premium and for employees, "who will benefit from enhanced opportu-

nities as part of a larger, more global organization." Merck said it would expand the reach of its EMD Millipore chemical and equipment division, based in Billerica, Massachusetts. "In one of the world's key industries two companies that fit perfectly together have found each other to present a much broader product offering to our global customers" in research facilities and drug manufacturing, Kley said.

On a conference call with reporters, Kley praised Sigma-Aldrich's "world-champion" e-commerce platform through which some 70 percent of its products are sold. He said the acquisition was a chance to expand the company's operations in the life sciences

sector, where product margins are around 25 percent measured according to earnings before financial items such as interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA.

Merck said the combination would enable it to save 260 million euros (\$340 million dollars) a year in costs within three years after closing the deal, raising the combined business' EBITDA margins from 30 percent to 33 percent. Chief Financial Officer Marcus Kuhnert said the savings would come in part from combining manufacturing capacity and streamlining administration. The company said, however, that it would maintain a "significant presence" in both Billerica and St. Louis. □

Investors question Yahoo's future after Alibaba IPO

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Yahoo's stock fell Monday as investors grappled with uncertainty about the Internet company's future in the wake of last week's record-setting Wall Street debut by the Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba. Silicon Valley-based Yahoo reaped more than \$9 billion from selling some of its shares in Alibaba's initial public offering, and the company has promised to return at least half of the after-tax proceeds to shareholders - likely through stock buy-backs. While CEO Marissa Mayer has not said what she'll do with the rest of the proceeds, analysts believe she could use the remaining \$3 billion or so for acquisitions to help Yahoo revive its struggling advertising business and expand its online video programming.

But at least some investors are fleeing Yahoo now that they're able to buy Alibaba shares directly, according to Brian Wieser, an Internet stocks analyst at Pivotal Research. Prior to Alibaba's IPO, Yahoo —

due to its large stake in the Chinese company— was one of the few ways U.S. investors could tap into the growth of e-commerce in the world's most populous country.

Yahoo's stock has risen more than 30 percent over the last year, largely on the strength of investor excitement about Alibaba's booming business. Yahoo shares fell 5 percent to \$38.81 Monday afternoon. Many investors lack optimism about Mayer's chances of regaining some of the advertising business that Yahoo lost in recent years to newer rivals like Google and Facebook. "My expectations for Yahoo's core business are pretty muted," Wieser said. "There should be pretty tepid growth, if any, in the near term."

That didn't stop Wieser and a handful of other analysts from raising their price targets for Yahoo's stock. Yahoo, which acquired its stake in Alibaba back in 2005, still holds more than 380 million shares in Alibaba, worth more than \$34 billion at Monday's trading price.



This photo shows a sign in front of Yahoo! headquarters in Sunnyvale, Calif. Yahoo's stock fell Monday as investors grappled with uncertainty about the Internet company's future in the wake of last week's record-setting Wall Street debut by the Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba.

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

The remaining stake in Alibaba raises the possibility of a big, future payday for Yahoo investors if the company sells more of its shares in the future.

Those Alibaba shares also represent the bulk of Yahoo's stock market value of \$38.5 billion, suggesting that investors are putting little value in the compa-

ny's core business. Since she was hired from Google two years ago, Mayer has overhauled Yahoo's online services and hired some big names like former CBS newscaster Katie Couric to anchor Yahoo's online news operation. Mayer has also begun to modernize Yahoo's online advertising programs. But sales have

remained flat in recent quarters while other major online companies have seen significant advertising growth.

Mayer could use some of the new Alibaba cash to continue a buying spree that has seen Yahoo acquire dozens of smaller companies since she became CEO. □

Tesco suspends execs over inflated profit report

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LONDON (AP) —

Tesco, the world's second-largest supermarket chain after Walmart, has suspended four executives and launched an accounting investigation after admitting that its half-year profit was overstated by 250 million pounds (\$407 million). The scandal deepens the financial woes for the British company, which on Monday had to issue its third profit warning in two years as it struggles to compete with low-cost rivals. The announcements shocked investors, with shares plunging 11.6 percent to 203 pence at market close Monday. The problems have driven the company's stock down 46 percent in the past year. The investigation, prompt-

ed by information from a whistleblower, comes less than a month after the new chief executive, Dave Lewis, was brought in to turn around the company's business.

"We have uncovered a serious issue and have responded accordingly," Lewis said in a statement. Lewis took over from Philip Clarke after the company issued a profit warning at the end of August. At the time, Tesco said it expected to report "trading profit" of about 1.1 billion pounds for the six months ended Aug. 23. The retailer now plans to release its earnings for the period on Oct. 23, three weeks later than previously scheduled.

Tesco has long dominated the supermarket industry in Britain, but has recently been squeezed by aggres-



Pedestrians pass a Tesco shop in London, Monday, Sept. 22, 2014. Tesco, Britain's largest retailer by revenue, has suspended four executives and launched an accounting investigation after admitting that its half-year profit was overstated by 250 million pounds (\$407 million).

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

sive cost-cutting competitors such as Lidl and Aldi. The company, which last year was the world's sec-

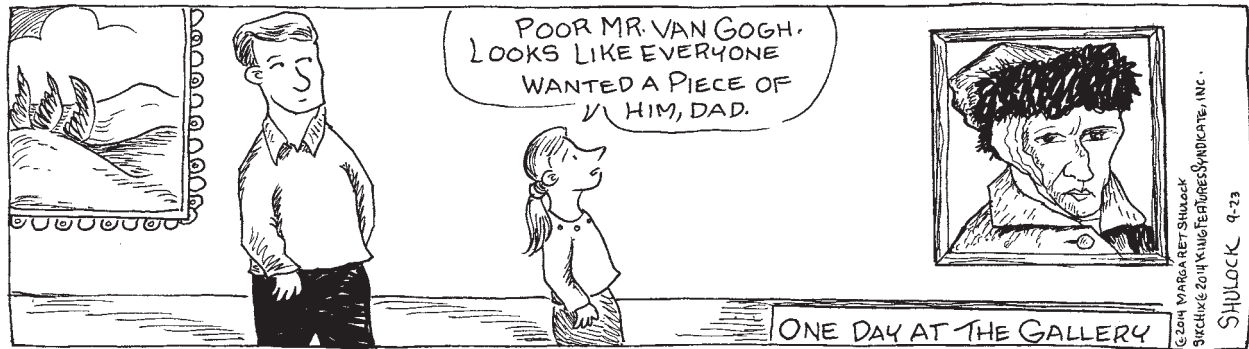
ond largest food retailer after Walmart when measured by revenue, said the overstatement of profits

resulted from reporting commercial income too early and delays in booking some costs. □

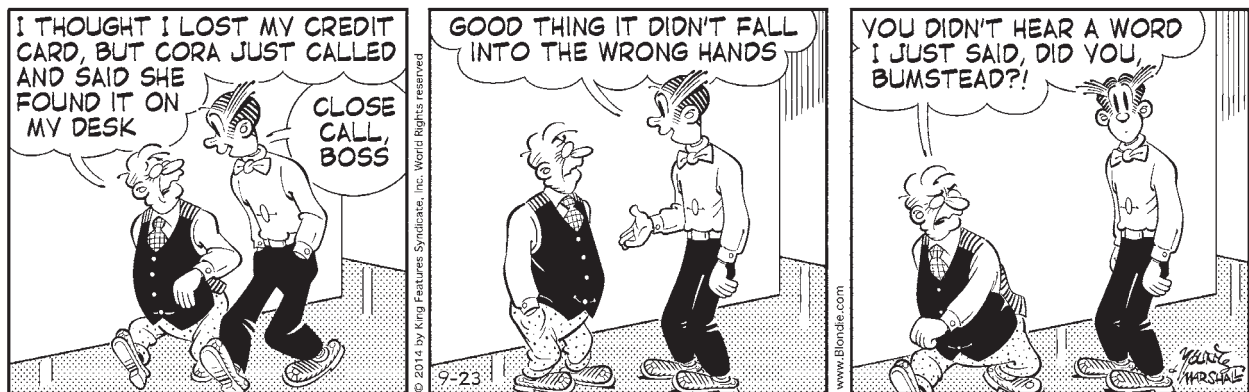
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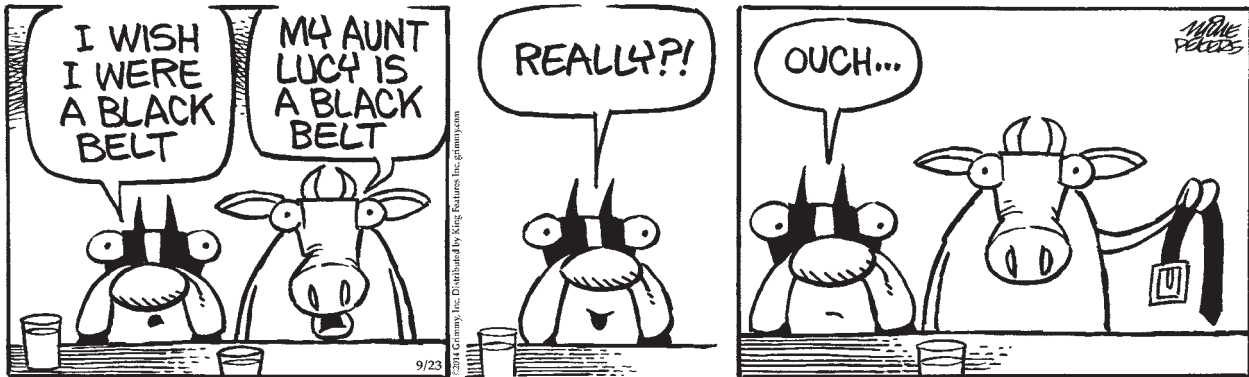
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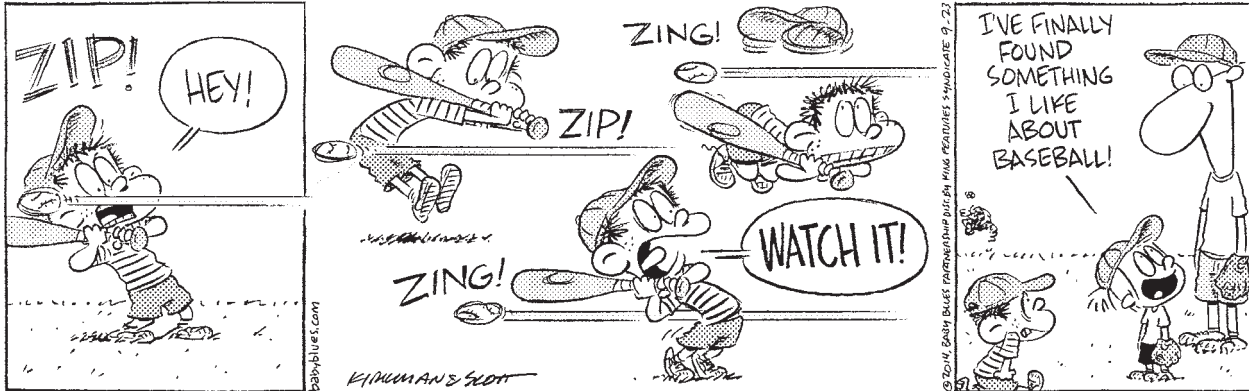
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- Finds a sum
- Rub, thereby making sore
- Treble; musical symbol
- In ___ of; as a substitute for
- Passenger
- Acting part
- Get ready, for short
- Smell
- Shade trees
- Notched on the edge, as knives
- Takes for granted
- Female sheep
- Snoozed
- Missshapen folklore fellow
- That girl
- Slept out
- Friendly
- Caribbean or Adriatic
- Dinkier
- Highest club
- Frozen dessert
- Expert
- Island roof material
- Play on words
- Twirl
- Mexican mister
- "For ___ a jolly good fellow..."
- Check recipient
- Not as ruddy
- Poke
- Surgeon's knife
- Desserts made from fruit juice
- Pius X, for one
- Instruct
- Prolonged pain
- Tavern drinks
- Workers' group
- Slender
- Talk back
- Portions
- Party giver

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- "Heidi" setting
- Urgent
- Forest animal

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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Veterans

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"They have their life out there. No responsibilities, no bills. They won't accept help until they are ready." The initiative relies largely on a program called HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing, which has dispatched thousands of caseworkers to get veterans into housing and connect them with medical care and services while using 58,000 subsidized-housing vouchers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to pay their rent. The Department of Veter-

partment statistics. At the start of the initiative, the department believed that veterans would come to medical centers for help, but soon realized longtime street dwellers rarely showed up at its hospitals. In December, one team spotted Harmon near the freeway and signed him up for a program that would get him an apartment. In his years living among the scrubby trees beneath the highway, he had shed his Social Security card, military discharge papers and driver's license. In stepped Andrea Carter, one of 54 homeless



Paul Wilson, a Vietnam veteran who lives in a truck with his dog, Charlie, in Los Angeles. A national effort to eliminate homelessness among veterans has made significant strides, finding places for 51,000, but with some congressional Republicans questioning the expense, the program built with bipartisan support may be cut back.

(Monica Almeida/The New York Times)

ans Affairs is also spending \$300 million on Supportive Services for Veteran Families, a program that gives short-term grants for rent and other assistance to keep veterans from becoming homeless. A look at the federal initiative in Los Angeles shows how time consuming, personnel intensive and expensive sheltering the homeless can be. The department has moved more veterans into homes there than anywhere else, seen its staff mushroom to 430 from 45 in five years and contracted with 11 local groups to find homeless veterans across the city. But the Los Angeles area still has about 5,800 homeless veterans, the most in the country, and the 20 percent decline in that population since 2010 is well below the national average, according to de-

veteran caseworkers for PATH. Carter ferried him to offices, filled out forms, waited in line with him at the Department of Motor Vehicles and even obtained an official letter for prospective landlords saying his pet pit bull was an "emotional support animal." "Normal everyday stuff can be impossible for someone who doesn't have a car or the right paperwork," Carter said. Harmon had also developed diabetes, which had damaged his sight, caused him to limp and sent him to the hospital after a collapse caused by uncontrolled blood sugar. Now Carter takes him grocery shopping and to medical appointments and carefully checks his medications. His trips to the hospital for diabetes have stopped. □

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NASA's Maven enters Mars orbit, India probe next

MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — NASA's Maven spacecraft entered orbit

around Mars for an unprecedented study of the red planet's atmosphere following a 442 million-mile (710 million-kilometer) journey that began nearly a year ago.

The robotic explorer successfully slipped into orbit around the red planet late Sunday night.

"I think my heart's about ready to start again," Maven's chief investigator, Bruce Jakosky of the University of Colorado, said early Monday. "All I can say at this point is, 'We're in orbit at Mars, guys!'"

Now the real work begins for the \$671 million mission, the first dedicated to studying the Martian upper atmosphere and the latest step in NASA's bid to send astronauts to Mars in the 2030s.

Flight controllers in Colorado will spend the next six weeks adjusting Maven's altitude and checking its science instruments, and observing a comet streaking by at relatively close range. Then in early November, Maven will start probing the upper atmosphere of Mars. The spacecraft will conduct its observations from orbit; it's not meant to land.

Scientists believe the Martian atmosphere holds clues as to how Earth's neighbor went from being warm and wet billions of years ago to cold and dry. That early wet world may have harbored microbial life, a tantalizing question yet to be answered.

NASA launched Maven last November from Cape



In this artist concept provided by NASA, the MAVEN spacecraft approaches Mars on a mission to study its upper atmosphere.

Canaveral, the 10th U.S. mission sent to orbit the red planet. Three earlier ones failed, and until the official word came of success late Sunday night, the entire team was on edge.

The spacecraft was clocking more than 10,000 mph (16,000 million kph) when it hit the brakes for the so-called orbital insertion, a half-hour process. The world had to wait 12 minutes to learn the outcome, once it occurred, because of the lag in spacecraft signals given the 138 million miles (222 million-kilometers) between the two planets Sunday.

"Wow, what a night. You get one shot with Mars orbit insertion, and Maven nailed it tonight," said NASA project manager David Mitchell.

Maven joins three spacecraft already circling Mars, two American and one European. And the traffic jam

isn't over: India's first interplanetary probe, Mangalyaan, will reach Mars in two days and also aim for orbit. India would become the fourth space program to reach Mars after the Soviet Union, the U.S. and Europe. Indian officials have said the mission is chiefly a demonstration of technology. The spacecraft's instruments will gather data to help scientists study Martian weather systems and what happened to the ancient water. It will also look for methane, a key chemical in life processes on Earth that could also come from geological processes.

Jakosky, who's with the University of Colorado's Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics in Boulder, hopes to learn where all the

water on Mars went, along with the carbon dioxide that once comprised an atmosphere thick enough to hold moist clouds.

The gases may have been stripped away by the sun early in Mars' existence, escaping into the upper atmosphere and out into space. Maven's observations should be able to extrapolate back in time, Jakosky said.

Maven — short for Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution Mission — will spend at least a year collecting data. That's a full Earth year, half a Martian one. Its orbit will dip as low as 78 miles above the Martian surface as its eight instruments make measurements. The craft is as long as a school bus, from solar

wingtip to tip, and as hefty as an SUV.

Maven will have a rare brush with a comet next month.

The nucleus of newly discovered Comet Siding Spring will pass 82,000 miles (132,000 million kilometers) from Mars on Oct. 19. The risk of comet dust damaging Maven is low, officials said, and the spacecraft should be able to observe Siding Spring as a science bonus.

Lockheed Martin Corp., Maven's maker, is operating the mission from its control center at Littleton, Colorado.

This is NASA's 21st shot at Mars and the first since the Curiosity rover landed on the red planet in 2012. Just this month, Curiosity arrived at its prime science target, a mountain named Sharp, ripe for drilling. The Opportunity rover is also still active a decade after landing.

More landers will be on the way in 2016 and 2018 from NASA and the European and Russian space agencies. The next U.S. rover is scheduled for launch in 2020; more capable than Curiosity, it will collect samples for possible return to Earth, and attempt to produce oxygen from atmospheric carbon dioxide. That latter experiment, if successful, would allow future human explorers to live off the land, according to NASA's John Grunsfeld, head of science missions and a former astronaut.

"This really is a quest of humanity," he said. □

Associated Press

Ice in Arctic seas shrinks to 6th-lowest recorded

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AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Ice in Arctic seas shrank this summer to the sixth lowest level in 36 years of monitoring.

The National Snow and Ice Data Center reported Monday that the ice reached its seasonal minimum on Sept. 17 of 1.94 million square

miles (5 million square kilometers). That's down a bit from 2013, but not near as low as the record-setting 2012. It is still 19 percent below average.

Scientists are concerned about the ice melting from man-made global warming because the melting

may change the weather further south. Studies have linked the ice melting to changes in the jet stream, which can produce extreme weather.

Meanwhile, ice in Antarctic waters is hitting record high levels. Scientists attribute that to local climatic conditions. □



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Shonda Rhimes lays claim to Thursday nights on ABC

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AP Television Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)

— Let's just go ahead and make it official. "Thursday" should be renamed "Shonday."

At least it should on ABC, which has handed its entire Thursday prime-time schedule to drama doyenne Shonda Rhimes.

Starting this week at 8 p.m. EDT, it's "Grey's Anatomy," with Rhimes the showrunner for this medical melodrama's 11th season. At 9 p.m., "Scandal" begins its fourth year with Rhimes also serving as showrunner.

Then, closing out Shonday at 10 p.m., "How To Get Away With Murder" premieres with Viola Davis as a rife-with-mystery criminal lawyer who apparently will do anything to spring her clients and who, as a law professor, trains her students to do the same.

Unlike the other two series, created by Rhimes, "Murder" was masterminded by Pete Nowalk, whose producing credits include "Grey's" and "Scandal." On this wicked new addition to the ShondaLand portfolio, Rhimes will serve "only" as executive producer: "I'm like the grandmother," she joked. "I hold the baby, then I give it back."

This baby has a clear family resemblance: "Murder" crackles with rat-a-tat dialogue, larger-than-life characters, outrageously tangled narratives, and a rain-



In this July 15, 2014 photo, showrunner Shonda Rhimes speaks during the "How to Get Away with Murder" panel at the Disney/ABC Television Group 2014 Summer TCA at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. ABC's entire Thursday prime-time schedule is composed of shows run by Rhimes.

bow coalition of a cast led, as with "Scandal," by an African-American actress. "It's a show I never would have thought of in a million years," Rhimes said. "But I feel like it fits exactly in the ShondaLand brand." "I really wanted to create a character who's always 10 steps ahead of us," said Nowalk in a separate interview. "If I know what a character's going to do before they do it, what's so interesting about that? And if they're always likable and good in what they do, I don't find that relatable."

"We operate not from our morals," said Davis, savor-

ing the mindset of the character she plays. "We're driven by need, no matter how messy it gets."

Though a veteran actress whose film credits include "Traffic," "Antwone Fisher," "Doubt" and "The Help," Davis is a newcomer to ShondaLand. But she was quick to size it up as "like a family," headed up by a matriarch "with courage, imagination and ability." The "ShondaLand" handle began as "kind of a joke," said Rhimes. Then, for the company it now identifies, it took hold as shorthand for a shared mission statement. "We all know what we're

talking about in terms of the work and the attitude, and that term sums up our goal."

A storyteller from childhood, the Chicago-born Rhimes had written the script for the 1999 HBO film "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge," followed by the Britney Spears hit, "Crossroads," and the 2004 sequel to "The Princess Diaries."

But it was "Grey's Anatomy," a 2005 midseason replacement, that put Rhimes and ShondaLand on the map.

Today, at age 44, Rhimes reigns as a hitmaker un-

matched in TV history, just days from not only ruling a full night of ABC real estate, but also stewarding two broadcast-network dramas with black women as protagonists.

"Why did it take somebody black to talk about being black?" Rhimes said, marveling that TV has stubbornly resisted mirroring the world she and most people live in, a world she has tried to reflect through her matter-of-fact inclusiveness of race as well as gender, age and sexuality.

"There is no token system," she said. "We're gonna cast the best actor for the part. And then our cast makes it feel real and true — they elevate everything."

But ultimately everything issues from Rhimes. All roads in ShondaLand lead to her, which begs an obvious question: How does she do it all, turning out this quantity of product while preserving a consistency of vision and voice?

"There's a feeling of flying by the seat of our pants," she said. "And it seems sometimes like we're telling something crazy. But it doesn't feel crazy to us. There's a plan to what we're trying to tell, with larger themes that I feel strongly about: lives of women, race in America, politics. I don't want to say I'm on a soap box, but there are moments when you can rant a little bit, and that's kind of fun."

Kris Jenner files to divorce Bruce Jenner

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kris Jenner is ending her 22-year marriage to Olympic gold medalist Bruce Jenner.

The "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" matriarch filed for divorce on Monday in Los Angeles, citing irreconcilable differences.

The pair's relationship and its troubles have been featured prominently on the reality show that focuses

heavily on Kris Jenner's daughters from a previous marriage, Kourtney, Kim and Khloe Kardashian.

The women and their brother Rob were born during Kris Jenner's previous marriage to Los Angeles attorney Robert Kardashian, whom she divorced in 1991.

Kris and Bruce Jenner have two children together, daughters Kendall and Kylie. The divorce peti-

tion seeks joint custody of 17-year-old Kylie Jenner.

Bruce Jenner won the gold medal for men's decathlon in the 1976 Olympics.

Court filings say he and Kris Jenner separated on June 1. The filings do not provide any additional details or how the former couple will split their assets.

The divorce was first reported by celebrity website RadarOnline.com.



This April 5, 2009 file photo shows Kris Jenner, left, and her husband Bruce Jenner at the 44th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas.

Associated Press



In this May 7, 2008, file photo, Doug E. Fresh performs with Galactic at the seventh annual Jammy awards at the Theater at Madison Square Garden in New York.

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Doug E Fresh highlights BET Hip-Hop awards

JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — With a picture of his mother on a large screen behind him, Doug E Fresh struggled to complete his sentence. The rapper dubbed “The Human Beat Box” choked up and shed tears as he received the “I Am Hip-Hop Award” at the ninth BET Hip-Hop Awards on Saturday.

Fresh eventually told the crowd that his mother, who had Alzheimer’s disease, died five months ago.

“I have to acknowledge her,” Fresh said at the taped award show at the Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center. “I want to thank this woman and hip-hop. If it wasn’t for hip-hop, I don’t know where I would be.”

He also thanked those who helped him throughout his career, from Slick Rick to his group the Get Fresh Crew. The show airs Oct. 14.

Fresh became known for imitating drums and creating special effects using his mouth and a microphone. After his speech, Fresh performed one of his hits, “La Di Da Di” with the show’s host, Snoop Dogg.

“He’s the definition of moving the crowd,” Ludcaris said during a video that paid homage to Fresh.

DJ Mustard won Producer

of the Year, and Future’s song “Move That Dope” took home Best Club Banger award. The most applause came after a recorded freestyle featuring Kanye West, Common, Big Sean and Pusha T.

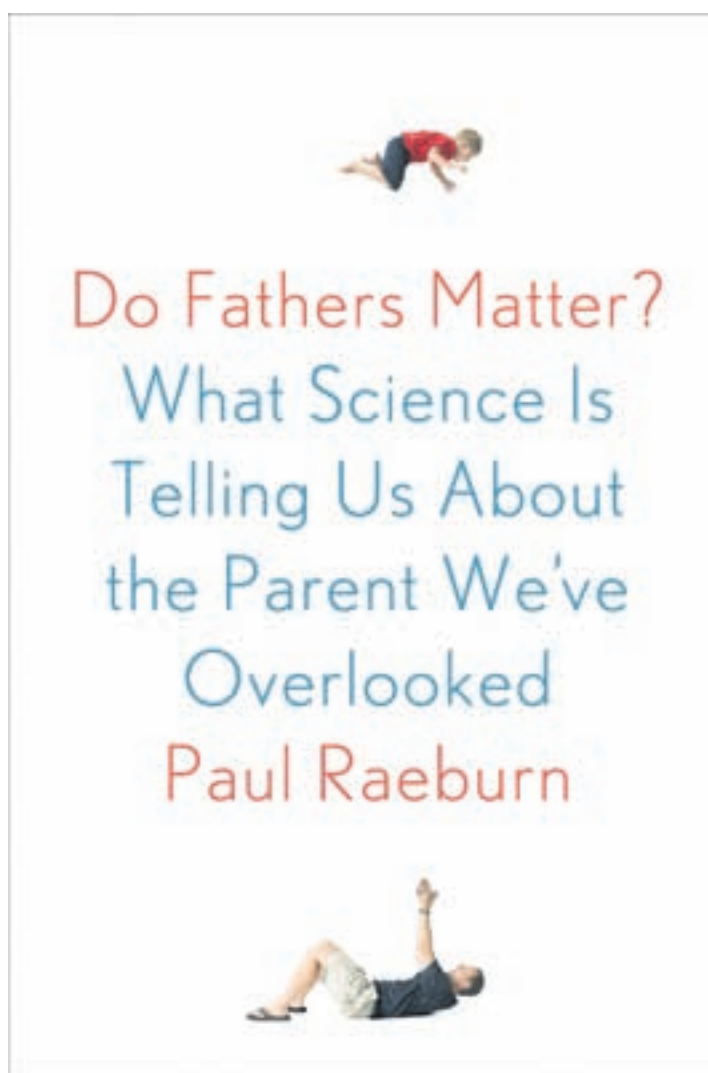
Many of the other awards will be announced at a later date. Rapper Drake received the most nominations with eight. Jay Z, Pharrell and Future each scored six nominations.

The parents of Mike Brown, an unarmed young black man who was killed by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, stood on stage with Common after he finished his songs with Jay Electronica. There was moment of silence and the crowd raised both their hands in remembrance of Brown.

Snoop Dogg showed charisma throughout the night and performed skits featuring Nia Long. He also brought back his YouTube network called GGN (Double G News), interviewing rapper French Montana and Mimi Faust of Love & Hip-Hop: Atlanta.

Singer Brandy performed “I Wanna Be Down” with guest appearances from Queen Latifah, MC Lyte and Yo-Yo. Rapper T.I. took the stage with Young Thug, performing “About the Money.” □

Review: ‘Do Fathers Matter?’ says something new



This book cover image released by Scientific American/FSG shows “Do Fathers Matter? What Science Is Telling Us About the Parent We’ve Overlooked,” by Paul Raeburn.

Associated Press

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Associated Press

From the tiniest microbe or fragment of DNA to the origins of the universe, it sometimes feels as if every subject generates a vast tide of scientific studies and that virtually nothing escapes detailed scrutiny. But veteran science writer Paul Raeburn noticed an oversight: the role of fathers in parenting.

In “Do Fathers Matter?” Raeburn tells how until fairly recently, scholars, parenting experts and pop culture have overlooked the importance of fathers. In the 1970s, some experts even suggested that fathers were “an almost irrelevant entity” in an infant’s world — but did so without really studying father/child interactions. A 2013 Clorox ad proclaimed that “Like dogs or other house pets, new dads are filled with

good intentions but lacking in judgment and fine motor skills.” (The ad was later withdrawn.)

Raeburn, a father himself, discovered that good scientific studies told a different story:

“When we bother to look for the father’s impact, we find it — always,” noted one researcher. Passages like that make “Do Fathers Matter?” a valuable, compelling book for fathers, mothers, grandparents and parents-to-be — and perhaps even for their children.

“Do Fathers Matter?” uncovers a trove of good research about fathers and parenting.

In the Aka tribe of Africa, fathers spend 47 percent of their days holding their infant children or keeping them within arm’s reach. The Aka fathers sing to their children, play with them

and do the equivalent of diaper duty.

And while psychologists had known that a mother’s depression during pregnancy can increase depression in children, it turns out that a depressed father can have the same negative impact, from genetic input or from his moods affecting the mother.

Studies had also shown that the experience of motherhood actually changes mothers’ brains in the first few months after giving birth, and Raeburn found that when researchers looked at fathers, they also found significant brain changes — but not exactly the same as those in mothers.

Raeburn doesn’t knock single parents or same-sex couples, noting that they can raise healthy, successful children, too (such as the current U.S. president). But he firmly points out that there is still far too much anti-father bias in society. For example, a 2012 family law newsletter from the National Organization for Women linked to a website that lists “myths” about family. “Myth” number one was that “a father’s involvement is crucial for the well-being of a child.”

British researcher Michael Lamb notes that negative stereotypes about fathers can have consequences. “Fathers can hardly be expected to maintain a belief in their importance when they are continually being told of their irrelevance, other than as economic supporters.”

Raeburn, a former Associated Press science editor, concludes by noting that other companies are producing ads that portray fathers in a positive light. Raeburn also notes that reading all the research on fatherhood helped open his eyes to better ways to be a parent, and that’s a priceless lesson that makes “Do Fathers Matter?” an important addition to parenting literature. □

Startling Adult Friendships



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Somebody recently asked me what I would do if I had \$500 million to give away. My first thought was that I'd become a moderate version of the Koch brothers. I'd pay for independent candidates to run against Democratic or Republican members of Congress who veered too far into their party's fever swamps. But then I realized that if I really had that money, I'd want to affect a smaller number of people in a more personal and profound way. The big, established charities are already fighting disease and poverty as best they can, so in search of new directions I thought, oddly, of friendship.

Ancient writers from Aristotle to Cicero to Montaigne described friendship as the pre-eminent human institution. You can go without marriage, or justice, or honor - but friendship is indispensable to life. Each friendship, they continued, has positive social effects. Lovers face each other, but friends stand side-by-side, facing the world - often working on its behalf. Aristotle suggested that friendship is the cornerstone of society. Montaigne thought that it spreads universal warmth. These writers probably romanticized friendship. One senses that they didn't know how to have real conversations with the women in their lives, so they poured their whole emotional lives into male friendships. But I do think they were right in pointing out that friendship is a personal relationship that has radiating social and political benefits.

In the first place, friendship helps people make better judgments. So much of deep friendship is thinking through problems together: what job to take; whom to marry. Friendship allows you to see your own life but with a second sympathetic self.

Second, friends usually bring out better versions of each other. People feel unguarded and fluid with their close friends. If you're hanging around with a friend, smarter and funnier thoughts tend to come bubbling out.

Finally, people behave better if they know their friends are observing. Friendship is based, in part, on common tastes and interests, but it is also based on mutual admiration and reciprocity. People tend to want to live up to their friends' high regard. People don't have close friend-

ships in any hope of selfish gain but simply for the pleasure itself of feeling known and respected. It's also true that friendship is not in great shape in America today. In 1985, people tended to have about three really close friends, according to the General Social Survey. By 2004, according to research done at Duke University and the University of Arizona, they were reporting they had only two close confidants. The number of people who say they have no close confidants at all has tripled over that time.

People seem to have a harder time building friendships across class lines. As society becomes more unequal and segmented, invitations come to people on the basis of their job status. Middle-aged people have particular problems nurturing friendships and building new ones. They are so busy with work and kids that friendship gets squeezed out.

So, in the fantasy world in which I have \$500 million, I'd try to set up places that would cultivate friendships. I know a lot of people who have been involved in fellowship programs. They made friends that ended up utterly transforming their lives. I'd try to take those sorts of networking programs and make them less career oriented and more profound.

To do that, you have to get people out of their normal hunting grounds where their guard is up. You also probably want to give them challenging activities to do together. Nothing inspires friendship like selflessness and cooperation in moments of difficulty. You also want to give them moments when they can share confidences, about big ideas and small worries.

So I envision a string of adult camps or retreat centers (my oldest friendships were formed at summer camp, so I think in those terms). Groups of 20 or 30 would be brought together from all social and demographic groups, and secluded for two weeks. They'd prepare and clean up all their meals together, and eating the meals would go on for a while. In the morning, they would read about and discuss big topics. In the afternoons, they'd play sports, take hikes and build something complicated together. At night, there'd be a bar and music.

You couldn't build a close friendship in that time, but you could plant the seeds for one. As with good fellowship programs, alumni networks would grow spontaneously over time.

People these days are flocking to conferences, ideas festivals and cruises that are really about building friendships, even if they don't admit it explicitly. The goal of these intensity retreats would be to spark bonds between disparate individuals who, in the outside world, would be completely unlikely to know each other. The benefits of that social bridging, while unplannable, would ripple out in ways long and far-reaching. □



Errors and Emissions



PAUL KRUGMAN
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This just in: Saving the planet would be cheap; it might even be free. But will anyone believe the good news?

I've just been reading two new reports on the economics of fighting climate change: a big study by a blue-ribbon international group, the New Climate Economy Project, and a working paper from the International Monetary Fund. Both claim that strong measures to limit carbon emissions would have hardly any negative effect on economic growth, and might actually lead to faster growth. This may sound too good to be true, but it isn't. These are serious, careful analyses.

But you know that such assessments will be met with claims that it's impossible to break the link between economic growth and ever-rising emissions of greenhouse gases, a position I think of as "climate despair." The most dangerous proponents of climate despair are on the anti-environmentalist right. But they receive aid and comfort from other groups, including some on the left, who have their own reasons for getting it wrong.

Where is the new optimism about climate change and growth coming from? It has long been clear that a well-thought-out strategy of emissions control, in particular one that puts a price on carbon via either an emissions tax or a cap-and-trade scheme,

would cost much less than the usual suspects want you to think. But the economics of climate protection look even better now than they did a few years ago.

On one side, there has been dramatic progress in renewable energy technology, with the costs of solar power, in particular, plunging, down by half just since 2010. Renewables have their limitations - basically, the sun doesn't always shine, and the wind doesn't always blow - but if you think that an economy getting a lot of its power from wind farms and solar panels is a hippie fantasy, you're the one out of touch with reality. On the other side, it turns out that putting a price on carbon would have large "co-benefits" - positive effects over and above the reduction in climate risks - and that these benefits would come fairly quickly.

The most important of these co-benefits, according to the IMF paper, would involve public health: burning coal causes many respiratory ailments, which drive up medical costs and reduce productivity.

And thanks to these co-benefits, the paper argues, one argument often made against carbon pricing - that it's not worth doing unless we can get a global agreement - is wrong. Even without an international agreement, there are ample reasons to take action against the climate threat. But back to the main point: It's easier to slash emissions than seemed possible even a few years ago, and reduced emissions would produce large benefits in the short-to-medium run. So saving the planet would be cheap and maybe even come free.

Enter the prophets of climate despair, who wave away all this analysis and declare that the only way to limit carbon emissions is to bring an end to economic growth.

You mostly hear this from people on the right, who normally say

that free-market economies are endlessly flexible and creative. But when you propose putting a price on carbon, suddenly they insist that industry will be completely incapable of adapting to changed incentives. Why, it's almost as if they're looking for excuses to avoid confronting climate change and, in particular, to avoid anything that hurts fossil-fuel interests, no matter how beneficial to everyone else.

But climate despair produces some odd bedfellows: Koch-fueled insistence that emission limits would kill economic growth is echoed by some who see this as an argument not against climate action but against growth. You can find this attitude in the mostly European "degrowth" movement, or in U.S. groups like the Post Carbon Institute; I've encountered claims that saving the planet requires an end to growth at left-leaning meetings on "re-thinking economics." To be fair, anti-growth environmentalism is a marginal position even on the left, but it's widespread enough to call out nonetheless.

And you sometimes see hard scientists making arguments along the same lines, largely (I think) because they don't understand what economic growth means. They think of it as a crude, physical thing, a matter simply of producing more stuff, and don't take into account the many choices - about what to consume, about which technologies to use - that go into producing a dollar's worth of GDP.

So here's what you need to know: Climate despair is all wrong. The idea that economic growth and climate action are incompatible may sound hardheaded and realistic, but it's actually a fuzzy-minded misconception. If we ever get past the special interests and ideology that have blocked action to save the planet, we'll find that it's cheaper and easier than almost anyone imagines. □



Chris Thomas, a customer, leaves an Apple store in Manhattan with a new iPhone 6 Plus in hand on the first day of the smart phone's sales, in New York, Sept. 19, 2014. Apple on Monday said it sold more than 10 million of the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus models in the first three days they were available in stores. That is higher than the nine million new iPhones it sold last year in their first weekend on sale.

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

Apple Sells 10 Million New iPhones in First Weekend

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Early sales of Apple's new iPhones have lived up to high expectations.

The company Monday said it sold more than 10 million of the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus models in the first three days they were available in stores. That is higher than the 9 million new iPhones it sold last year in their first weekend on sale.

The phones' larger screens - 4.7 diagonal inches for the 6 and 5.5 for the 6 Plus - are a considerable jump from the 4-inch screens of earlier iPhones.

The iPhone sales were on the upper end of financial analysts' expectations, which ranged from 6.5 million to the "low teens" of millions of sales.

The strong sales mirror growing consumer demand for smartphones with bigger screens. IDC, a research

firm, estimated that at least 20 percent of all smartphones shipped last year in China, the largest smartphone market in the world, were 5 inches or larger. It also predicted that manufacturers this year would ship more "phablets," or smartphones with screens measuring at least 5.5 diagonal inches, than laptops. Some analysts even estimated that the larger iPhone 6 Plus was more popular with consumers over the weekend.

"The iPhone 6 Plus demand is very strong. They're basically sold out everywhere we checked," said Maynard Um, a senior research analyst for Wells Fargo. "But the iPhone 6 didn't look to be fully sold out. That's hard to tell if it's because Apple has a lot of supply out there, or it's because there's less demand for it compared to the iPhone 6 Plus."

Apple's investors - much

like Hollywood producers tracking the first few days of ticket sales for a blockbuster movie - closely watch first-weekend sales for the iPhone because they are a reflection of consumer demand. The iPhone is still Apple's biggest cash cow, accounting for about 70 percent of its profit.

So early sales can help predict quarterly or even annual results for the company, based in Cupertino, California.

But some analysts, like Gene Munster of Piper Jaffray, wondered whether first-weekend sales were still a reliable measure for consumer demand.

The iPhone is already immensely popular in many countries, he noted before the announcement, so early sales may be more of a sign of how many iPhones that Apple and its manufacturing partners can initially produce.

"The first weekend iPhone sales number continues to be more about how much Apple can supply than what the demand is in the market," said Walter Piecyk, managing director at BTIG Research, an industry firm.

Timothy D. Cook, Apple's chief executive, said as much Monday.

Apple "could have sold many more iPhones with greater supply, and we are working hard to fill orders as quickly as possible," he said in a statement.

The latest iPhones also missed out on a big market: China. Apple has delayed the release of the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus there, apparently because the devices have not yet received approval from Chinese regulators.

Despite missing out on hundreds of millions of potential Chinese customers, Apple impressed analysts with

its weekend performance.

"Even without China, Apple was able to move \$6.5 billion of product in three days, which would be impressive for any industry," Piecyk said.

The introduction of the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus on Friday was the second time that Apple released two new iPhones at the same time. Last year, Apple introduced the iPhone 5S along with the iPhone 5C, a colorful plastic model sold at a lower price.

Apple is treating the iPhone 5C differently than past iPhones. Traditionally, Apple has upgraded each iPhone once a year, with improvements like faster chips and better cameras. But this month, instead of announcing an upgrade for the iPhone 5C, Apple said it would continue to sell the exact same iPhone but for a lower cost: free with a contract. □